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12	2:01	2:28	8:30	8:12
13	3:07	3:38	9:34	9:17
14	4:10	4:40	10:32	10:19
15	5:06	5:36	11:24	11:16
16	5:58	6:27	12:12	
17	6:47	7:16	12:11	12:58

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MAB ordinance tabled in Lower Township

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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LOWER TOWNSHIP – Township council decided to table an ordinance renaming and restructuring the Mayor's Advisory Board after Mayor Mike Beck objected to the way it was advanced, and Councilman Erik Simonsen said he needed time to read it. Beck told his fellow council members he had no idea the ordinance was going to be on the agenda until several hours before the meeting. By law, as pointed out by resident Joe Winters, the final

'Everything you do here is a disaster.'
– Lower Township Mayor Mike Beck
'That's your opinion.'
– Councilman Tom Conrad

agenda is supposed to be available four days before the meeting. Beck complained there were 19 days between the last meeting in January and Monday, the first meeting in February, and he was only hearing of the ordinance "in

the 11th hour."
"Where did this ordinance come from?" he asked. Councilman Tom Conrad said it was generated from discussion at the previous council meeting. Council members discussed changing the name of the Mayor's

Advisory Board (MAB) to the Citizens Advisory Board, and changing the number of members to 10, with each council member appointing two members. Currently the board has nine members. The mayor appoints five and each remaining council member has one appointment. The board was set up to get input from knowledgeable community members, who would act as an information gathering board and present their findings to council. Beck argued that, while the topic of changing the MAB was discussed, no one asked

if council wished to move forward with the ordinance. "You could have inferred that, but that's not how government works," Beck said. Beck said someone should have said they wanted to move forward, asked for a show of hands, or taken a poll to see if there was a consensus. "There was a consensus of council," Conrad said. "But you should have polled council at the last meeting," Beck said. Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare

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Capital projects, bond ordinances are announced

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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CAPE MAY – City Manager Bruce MacLeod said the city would be working with around \$1.5 million as a general cap in projects and bond ordinances for 2011.

According to MacLeod, that will require a 5 percent down payment, which works out to \$75,000. MacLeod read the report at last Tuesday's meeting. Of that \$1.5 million, there will \$600,000 set aside for use in the road and utilities program, which was announced by City Engineer Ray Roberts. This program will span out over the next three years until 2013 according to Roberts. The plans for 2011 are to make repairs and improve Jefferson Street from Columbia Avenue to Corgie Street. This will include a new water main underneath as well as sewer system repairs and resurfacing roadway.

There are also plans to do water main and sewer servicing on Corgie. The final road project scheduled for 2011 is resurfacing Cape May Avenue on both the north and south side. Roberts said this particular project would continue into 2012 when it will receive sewer system changes as well for total street reconstruction.

He said Washington Street from Franklin to Ocean Street would also see changes in 2012. During the final phases in 2013, Hughes Street from Franklin to Decatur Street would see alterations in its storm drainage system. Stockton Place from Hughes to Columbia will be improved along with the resurfacing of Delaware Avenue between Trenton and Pittsburgh Avenues. The Delaware Avenue project was added by MacLeod during a review of the program.

Roberts said the cost of the road and utilities program is very reasonable thus far. "We are very comfortable with the numbers presented," he said.

Roberts said construction for 2011 needs to begin right after Labor Day, so it's important for the proj-

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Dancing with the Faculty

Lower Cape May Regional High School held its annual Dancing with the Faculty competition, Feb. 3, which included acts like Sass Master Six, shown above. Ten acts involving teachers and students competed for the coveted reflecting ball trophy. To learn who won and to see more photos turn to page A10.

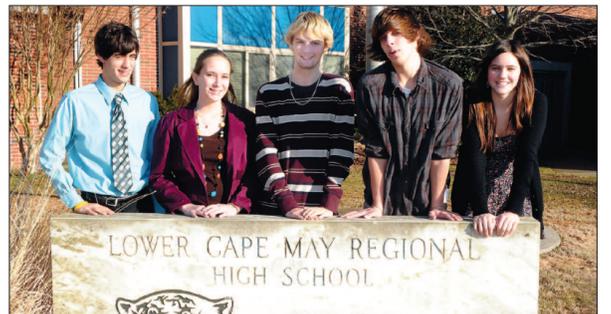
LCMR music students earn spots

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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ERMA – Five talented Lower Cape May Regional students were selected for the Region III All-South Jersey chorus and orchestra after competing against over 1,000 elite high school level musicians.

The Region III chorus auditions were held at Woodstown High School on Nov. 21 while the band and orchestra auditions were at Eastern High School in Voorhees on Dec. 4.

According to LCMR band director John Drechen, New Jersey is divided up into three regions based on population, Region III being the largest in area. It extends from just south



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The five Lower Cape May Regional students chosen for the Region III All-South Jersey chorus and orchestra. Chorus auditions were held Nov. 21 at Woodstown High School, while the band and orchestra try-outs were at Eastern High School on Dec. 4. From left to right: Joseph Piro, Alise Hand, Craig Steven Pilczuk II, Zak LaTorre and Kyra Adams.

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Jazz and Film Festivals tops in NJ

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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CAPE MAY – For the third consecutive year, the Cape May Jazz and Cape May Film Festivals were voted at the top of the Discover New Jersey People's Choice Awards – and that is putting Cape May on the map, Jazz Festival publicity director Rick Dee said.

Since the Discover New Jersey organization began in 2008, both events have been voted either first or runner up for the People's Choice Award in the music festival and film festival categories.

The Cape May Jazz Festival is held twice a year, in November and April, drawing in thousands of people and musicians from all over the country to the local area. "Some artists come in from

L.A., Chicago, New York and D.C.," he said. "It gets a lot of

was voted first once again in 2010. The executive director of the film festival, Tom Sims said his event was voted number one all three years in its category, making it one of only three organizations to ever accomplish that.

"We're thrilled," Dee said. "When we heard, my heart went off like a tuning fork."

"It gives us a status throughout the state and country," he said.

The survey is available on the Discover Jersey Arts website

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attention." According to Dee, the event was voted first in the state in 2008, runner up in 2009 and now

Washington Inn offers 'real' wine bar and a large selection

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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CAPE MAY – It can be quite a task finding the perfect bottle of wine to compliment a specific dinner or lunch entrée, but the staff at the Washington Inn can remedy that with their knowledge and extensive list of wines.

Owner Michael Craig said the Washington Inn began building its wine collection in the late 80s, when his brother, David, came down to Cape May after working at a restaurant in Elmira, NY. Craig said the restaurant there had a wide international selection of wines.

"We wanted to model our wine program around that," he said. "Now, we have multiple vintages of wine."

The eclectic selection of wines come

from places such as Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Australia, Switzerland and more, making the Washington Inn any wine connoisseur's dream. The Washington Inn also offers wine from a local South Jersey winery in Hammonton.

Right now, the restaurant has 400 different types of wine and about 7,000 bottles in stock, but Craig said that number has reached upwards of 10,000 bottles. "People expect a good selection," he

said. Craig, his brother and father, Toby, actually built the wine cellar at the Washington Inn themselves, by tunneling underneath the 1842 structure and expanding the basement. They had to be

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