

A glimpse at the next wave of musicians and the future

There is no doubt that presenting the "Next Wave" of musicians for the future was right on target. The young 'uns left their mark. Those who witnessed the Next Wave performers will long remember the music they presented! They were a joy to all who heard them. Their artistry was phenomenal. It is very hard to adequately describe the talent these youngsters displayed. Very polished and well in control as to what they were doing. I can just imagine what they will be like in another five years. The festival as a whole was great as

usual. The new idea of a dance party featuring the great music of Edgardo Cintron with his latin dance band was something special. It was great to see people during breaks learning to do the Latin dances. Fun was the order of the night. Attendance was good. The food prepared by Joe Battle was out of sight - fresh pulled pork, barbecue, chicken, and all the fixings were something anyone had to have. Anybody who missed Chuchito Valdes on Friday night missed a real good thing! And the Rippingtons, a

group who were here for the first time, were fabulous. Kim Nalley, also a new face, was just awesome at Alethea's Sunday brunch. This festival took its toll on festival staff members. The last minute change in the placement of some of the acts was no picnic. With the unexpected closing of Convention Hall, there was a lot to be done to get on track, but we made it! And the weather! The weather soothed all ills. God smiled on us for sure. There was a drop in ticket sales which I'm sure was due

to a couple of things. First, it's not always easy for many of us to accept change. This festival did not have many of our old regulars because we wanted to introduce the young musical giants of tomorrow. Of course being so young, their talent has not been known to many, but I'm sure those who experienced the talents of these young people will certainly agree that they were well worth the change. With the new mall, fine music, great food, new theater show, events to look forward to from our art organi-

Times to Remember
By Lois Smith



zations, our local jazz radio station - well, the beat goes on. Make it a point to eat out at

last once once a week and enjoy! Lets all get behind the wheel and support our own. See Ya!

Trash

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cents." Aluminum brings about 70 cents per pound, and non-magnetic stainless steel can bring \$1 a pound. Copper is very high, fetching about \$3 per pound. Suilitena said he is aware of thefts of scrap material. "They are stealing material everywhere, and they are making it hard for poor guy who's a legitimate scrapper and who works all year long," he said. Suilitena said legitimate

scrappers are even being stopped by the police on suspicion their loads have been stolen. Detective Sergeant Tom Keywood of the Lower Township Police said his department talks to scrap yards daily, or at least a couple of time per week to follow up on stolen material. He said they call scrap yards in Cape May County and beyond. "There are certain items we know they are taking for scrap," he said.

Keywood said beer kegs are worth \$25 or \$30 a piece. In the fall there was a theft of about 40 catalytic converters from a junkyard in Lower Township, south of the canal.

"They came and took catalytic converters, which have precious metals in them. They are worth from \$20 to over \$100," Keywood said. He said suspects were

arrested around holidays. Keywood said they also arrested two people in the theft of stainless steel ball valves, which he said probably weighed 300 pounds. He

said patrol officers made arrests in the Feb. 18 incident.

Manager

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tract to reconstruct the facility. Corea said last year a firm took samples and did testing and submitted a report to the city's engineer, Remington and Vernick. He said the decision was made to install two I-beams under the floor,

but the steel beams do not support the floor. "They are now saying we have to shore up everything," he said. Corea said work estimates range from four to six weeks, and by the time a project was authorized it could be the end

of August before work was completed. The timeline might factor into council's decision to authorize the project, or not. He said there would be no timeline for the Convention Hall project until after the May 6 meeting. Asked why the contract for the architect had not been bid, Corea said the firm was unanimously recommended by the Convention Hall Committee after several months of discussion, and the rates were competitive. He said they could have gone with the lowest bidder, adding, "A lot of times you get what you pay for."

And they were cut in half - that's not even market rate," he said.

Corea said the city had received a \$383,000 grant for ADA improvements on the beach, and he expected to go to Cape May County for final approval on the gateway improvement project at the beginning of Lafayette Street. He said the Harborview Park project would be finished by Memorial Day.

Corea said the city signed off on three grant applications for solar power - for the lifeguard headquarters, Convention Hall, and for the Public Works building. He said the city is also investigating wind power at public works.

"If the wind power is sufficient we won't use solar power there. Solar is not as efficient," he said.

Corea also said the state does not allow municipalities to use more solar panels than needed to power a building; so the excess power could not be redirected or sold.

"The rate was accurate."



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chop shop

a film by Ramin Bahrani

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