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2/2	4:18	4:40	10:37	10:16	
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2/4	5:55	6:17		12:09	
2/5	6:37	6:58	12:01	12:49	
2/6	7:17	7:38	12:35	1:26	

Convention Hall Committee hears comment

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**

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CAPE MAY – On Monday, the Convention Hall Committee received comment from the organizations that depend on the use of the hall from their major events.

Dianne Hutchinson, representing the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts said MAC had received recommenda-

tions from Jed Galen, the director of the Bay-Atlantic Symphony requesting an adequate stage, risers, and sound shell. He also requested lighting that would not blind the musicians, male and female dressing rooms, with separate rooms for soloists, and climate control.

"Many union contracts don't allow musicians to play if the temperature is higher than 80," Hutchinson said.

She also mentioned that external air ducts were too noisy for musical performances.

David Greenspun of the Cape May Jazz Festival said Cape May has the largest and longest running jazz festival in the state. He said the Jazz Festival would like to see the designers maximize seating space. Greenspun was concerned that the new design provided a space only 300

square feet larger than the existing facility.

"We're not buying ourselves a lot of new opportunity if we keep our floor plan the same," he said.

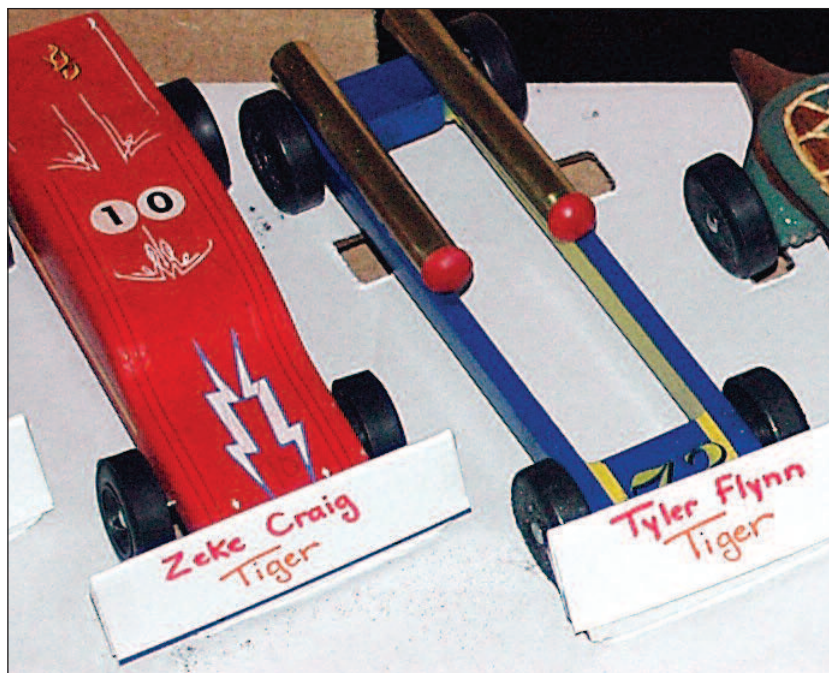
Martin Kimmel of Kimmel-Borgette said on floor seating could be made available for about 1,000 people, with raked seating for about 950. Greenspun said they are currently seating about 900 people, and that limits the

amount of national talent they can bring to Cape May, because the acts would have to play two shows. He said seating for about 1,500 would be better. At 1,250 they are about breaking even for higher quality artists.

Jack Wichterman, representing the Kiwanis Club, said he had consulted with Jack Morris, the food service

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Cub Scout Pack 73 Pinewood Derby



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Top, cub scout leader Tony Genaro gives directions for the racing as John Campbell looks on. Above, a close up view of some of the 45 cars entered in the derby. Right, Gabriel Coffey and Jack Sheehan await the start of the race as other scouts look on.



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WEST CAPE MAY – About 45 members Cub Scout Pack 73 competed for prizes, bragging rights, and a chance to go onto the next level as they took part in the annual Pinewood Derby, held Saturday, Jan. 26, in the West Cape May Fire Hall.

"The kids go nuts for it," leader Tony Genaro said.

According to Genaro the pack hands out the Pinewood Car Kits at the annual Christmas party, which gives the kids about a month to work on their cars. Genaro said they encourage fathers help with the cars because it is a way for fathers and sons to spend time together. Also, it's recommended that fathers do the cutting and the kids do the sanding and painting, so that kids don't

end up getting cut.

"They usually come up with ideas together and work on the design," Genaro said.

Each of the racers was introduced by name as music and fog machines created a sense of a professional competition. The music, strobe lights and fog were from Genaro's DJ equipment. The races took place on an official aluminum track donated by Remington and Vernick when the first Pinewood Derby was held. Leader Brian Favre's business, Electronic Marine Concepts, provided software and a timing system to give the speed and time for each racer. Previously they depended on the human eye to call the race.

Paxton Scott was the overall winner, and his car will go on to compete in the district competition in Villas.

Coast Guard kids will be bussed to elementary school

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CAPE MAY – The United States Coast Guard has found a way to continue providing school bus service for dependent children, next school year.

Two weeks ago, two Coast Guard mothers attended a Cape May City Council meeting, telling the council the Coast Guard determined school bussing was not an appropriate use of government money, and the school did not have money in its budget for bussing students

from Coast Guard housing. Additionally, the school did not have to provide bussing because the children live within two miles of the school.

The mothers were concerned about the safety of their children if they were forced to walk the 1.8 miles to school, crossing at seven intersections.

City manager Lou Corea said his office had been in touch with Congressman Frank LoBiondo's office, and according to Corea, representatives said the Congressman was aware of the situation but not optimistic about having

the bus service restored for next year.

LoBiondo's office released a statement last Thursday saying the Congressman had petitioned Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen to reconsider the decision to terminate funding for school bussing. The text of LoBiondo's letter to Allen reads:

"Dear Admiral Allen:

It has come to my attention that after several years, the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, N.J., will no longer fund the operating cost for school buses to transport Coast Guard Dependents to

the Cape May Elementary School. I am concerned this decision will place safety of these students at risk and respectfully request you reconsider this decision.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your response."

The letter was signed "Frank A. LoBiondo, Member of Congress."

According to the LoBiondo statement, the decision to reverse the new policy was announced at a school board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 24.

Valerie Gehrke, one of the mothers who addressed city

council said she attended a meeting the day before on the Coast Guard base. She said the meeting was moved to Wednesday evening to allow parents to attend a school board meeting scheduled for Thursday. At the Coast Guard meeting, Training Center Commander Captain Sandra Stosz explained to about 30

parents how funds are allocated from Congress and where they are spent. A determination had been made in Washington saying school bussing to a public school was considered public transportation and that was what made it an inappropriate use of

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Mayor Inderwies to run for re-elction

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CAPE MAY – Mayor Jerry Inderwies said it's his desire to see some of the city's major projects completed or well underway that has caused him to decide to seek another four-year term as mayor.

"I want to be here to finish out the projects I began – the mall, Convention Hall, the streets, the electronic water meters, the parking meters, work done in the sub-committees, the beautification of city, the parking commission getting new signage...this is progress and this is a lot of work in progress. I want to see it completed," Inderwies said.

Inderwies said perhaps not everything could be completed in four years, but feels everything would be on its way to completion.

"Convention Hall will be well underway, the mall will be completed...the way they are going looks like they are right on target," he said.

Inderwies said he also wants to see the Sewell Point issue resolved. "I've worked on that for many years," he said. "There will be some development, but I believe 85 percent of that tract will be deed restricted to open space. That's my gut."

Inderwies said there are so many things going on in Cape May, now, and he believes he has a good handle on everything.

"At this point in time, I would say that we are in satisfactory financial condition. We were able to keep the tax rate low even though there are some demands from the state," Inderwies said.

He said the tax rate increased only 2.9 cents and that was mainly due to

municipalities now having to pick up 80 percent of the pension costs forgiven under Gov. Christie Whitman. He said utilities, fuel costs and salaries all are up.

"No one likes to see taxes increase, but people have to remember council members have to pay the same taxes, as well, and they don't like it either," Inderwies said.

Inderwies said the city's bonded indebtedness is low.

Inderwies was first appointed mayor in 2001. He was elected twice since then, winning a popular election in 2004.

Inderwies has been a Cape May resident since 1967. In 1972 he was elected to city council, served four years, but was not reelected in 1976.

In 1979 he left the private sector and went to work for Public Works, where he stayed for 19 years. During that time he also served as

the emergency management coordinator.

As mayor, he is now the presiding officer in the council/mayor form of government. The mayor also performs ceremonial duties, marriages, speak at civic functions, attends meetings, and is a planning board member.

"I've had a great career here," Inderwies said. "Forty years ago, never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be mayor."

Inderwies said Cape May, a National Historic Landmark city, is now embarking on a "new history," seeing its first major capital projects in 30 years.

"We can't live in the 20th Century anymore," he said. "The city is gearing up for the 21st Century."

Inderwies is married to wife Lydia and the father of three grown children.

LT Police report more than 116 calls per day

LOWER TOWNSHIP – During the week of Jan. 13 through Jan. 19, Lower Township Police handled 812 calls for an average of over 116 calls per day.

Jan. 13:

- Domestic violence call received at 12:20 p.m., reporting domestic violence in the 100 block of East Delaware Parkway in Villas, rights given.
- Motor vehicle accident reported at 1:48 p.m. at Broadway Avenue and Fourth Avenue in Villas.
- Report of hit and run motor vehicle accident at 5:17 p.m. in the 100 block of Roseanne Avenue in North Cape May.
- Report of vehicle vs. pedestrian motor vehicle accident at 9:40 p.m. in the 100 block of Arbor Avenue, further investigation shows domestic.
- Domestic violence call received at 9:44 p.m. reporting violation of temporary restraining order in the 100 block of Iowa Avenue in the Villas.
- Criminal mischief reported at 11:27 p.m. in the first block of Taylor Lane in Cold Spring. Vehicle shot with BB gun, investigation continues.
- Domestic violence call received at 11:41 p.m. reporting domestic violence in the first block of Arbor Avenue in the Villas, temporary restraining order issued and served.

Jan. 14:

- Burglary complaint reported at 9:29 a.m. in the 500 block of Washington Boulevard. in North Cape May. Items taken from unsecured construction site, investigation continues.
- Motor vehicle accident reported at 3:36 p.m. in the 3000 block of Bayshore Road in North Cape May.
- Harassment complaint reported at 5:08 p.m. to the Lower Township Police Department. Charges filed by citizen.
- Harassment complaint reported at 5:25 p.m. in the 100

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