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## Council says 'No' to shoring up Convention Hall

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - City council did not take long to reject the notion of paying over \$300,000 to shore up Convention Hall so it could be used for another five or six months.

City manager Lou Corea said he requested quotes from three companies for

shoring up Convention Hall, which was closed to the public last April 4 after an engineering study declared it structurally unsound.

Corea said he received just two quotes: Patent Construction Systems, Pennsauken, Pa., submitted a quote of \$311,000; and Quinn Construction Inc., Folcroft, Pa., quoted \$345,000.

Corea said in either case the approximate time needed to

complete the work would be four weeks.

"It would be a policy decision by city council to shore it up for a five to six month season," Corea said.

"I'll give you my answer quickly," Mayor Jerry Inderwies said. "No. Why throw good money after bad?"

Deputy Mayor Niels Favre asked if the city would not still have to get CAFRA permits to do the work. Corea

said the city could get emergency permits, and city solicitor Anthony Monzo said the city would still have to go through the regular permitting process, even after getting emergency authorization, and still pay the fees.

Neither Councilman David Kurkowski, Councilman David Craig, or Councilwoman Linda Steenrod supported the idea of spending more money to

shore up the building, which would eventually be demolished, presumably at the end of the season.

Craig said he was concerned with the safety of the structure, which would be allowed to stand through the summer. Corea said the building is not in imminent danger of collapsing, but the engineers were concerned

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Jennifer Kopp/Cape May Star and Wave  
Residents from around the area, veterans and students at Cape May City Elementary School celebrated Loyalty Day, May 1, in West Cape May's Wibraham Park. Pictured above, a veteran from the Cape May Peterson-Little VFW Post 386, salutes the flag as the traditional rendition of Taps plays. Above right, fifth and sixth grade students wave flags in honor of the day. At right, Dot Jarmon sells a poppy to West Cape May Mayor Pam Kaithern. The day was dedicated to Vince Pellegrino, recently deceased, who for years, planned the ceremony.



## Patio fees changed, final decision delayed once again

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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CAPE MAY - City council has agreed to lower the cost of a patio permit for restaurants without a liquor license, but the change means more delays in the process of adopting a fee scale.

Over two months ago, city council introduced an ordinance establishing new rules for patios on the Washington Street Mall. City council decided to address patio permit fees in a separate ordinance, and has delayed the passage of the fee scale several times.

On Tuesday, Councilman David Kurkowski said he had not heard any objections to the \$5 per square foot fee for

businesses holding a liquor license. Most of the objections were voiced over the \$4 per square foot fee for restaurants not serving liquor. Kurkowski suggested the city lower the rate to \$3 for these restaurants, and keep the \$5 rate for businesses selling liquor, and \$2 for a business providing table space but no service.

Councilman David Craig said he was also not comfortable with the \$5/\$4/\$2 scale. He asked for a few moments to think about Kurkowski's suggestion.

Mayor Jerry Inderwies asked city solicitor Anthony Monzo if a change in the fees would result in the ordinance having to be reintroduced. Monzo said, yes, since the fees were the heart of the

ordinance. Inderwies then asked what would happen if the second phase of the fee increase was taken out. The original ordinance called for half the increase to take effect in 2008 and 2009, and the \$5/\$4/\$2 scale to begin in 2010. Monzo said that portion could be removed, and in two years city council could amend the fee scale if they wish.

City manager Lou Corea was asked to provide an indication of what sort of an increase the proposed scale would result in. He said for six months, the A Ca Mia restaurant would go from paying \$1,600 to \$3,800; the Cucina Rose would go from \$900 for six months to \$2,100; and the Dairy Queen from \$1,000 to \$2,100. Stumpo's

would pay \$2,400 for six months, up from \$1,000; and the Ugly Mug would go from \$5,000 to \$7,500 for six months.

"None of the increases would be in excess of 140 percent," Corea said.

City council took a few moments to consider the information, and Deputy Mayor Niels Favre said he would second a motion by Kurkowski to change the scale to \$5/\$3/\$2, but concern arose over the ability of the

city to issue patio permits before Memorial Day if the ordinance was delayed. Council agreed permits should be issued, but the fees would be stayed until the ordinance went into effect.

## Deal made on beach tag charges

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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WEST CAPE MAY - Gus Andy, owner of the La Mer Motor Inn in Cape May, pleaded guilty to one count of purchasing more Cape May beach tags than allowed by city ordinance.

Municipal prosecutor Frank Corrado moved that a violation of an ordinance prohibiting the transfer of beach tags and a single count of theft be dismissed under the terms of the agreement.

Andy agreed to plead guilty to purchasing 15 beach tags on Aug. 30, 2007, and was fined \$300 for each beach tag over five. Corrado also moved that half of the \$3,000 in fines be suspended under the condition Andy did not violate the ordinances in the future.

Andy was charged \$1,500 plus \$33 court costs.

Andy's attorney, Maureen Ruane, said according to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regulations, there is no prohibition on the transfer of beach tags, which was one of the charges dropped in the plea agreement.

In the past, Cape May hotel, motels and bed and breakfasts would routinely provide beach tags to guests as an amenity of their lodging facility. However, the city banned the transfer of beach tags, which reduced the number of tags that would be sold in the city.

Larry Muentz, owner of Alexander's Inn, said the Public Trust Doctrine, which went into effect Dec. 7, 2007, says beach "badges or passes shall be transferable at the

discretion of the badge or pass holder..."

Muentz raised that point at Tuesday's city council meeting, adding that the Public Trust Doctrine also says access to the water is not condition on purchasing a beach tag. Muentz referred to the Andy trial saying Andy could have fought the charge of transferring beach tags, but decided not to spend \$40,000 or more in legal fees.

"When will we change the beach tag law to conform with state law?" Muentz asked.

City solicitor Anthony Monzo said he has had discussions with the DEP and he does not expect Cape May would amend the beach tag law any time this year. He said the Attorney General's

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Christopher South/Cape May Star and Wave  
Lorena Friday

## 100 years young, today!

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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WEST CAPE MAY - Lorena Friday is a relative newcomer to West Cape May, but she may already hold the distinction of being the borough's longest living resident.

Friday, who turns 100 today, moved in with her daughter Christine Hunter and son-in-law Sandy Hunter, about a year and a half ago after moving from Washington state. Her story is not typical of other centenarians, who tell tales of being born at home, paying the doctor with a chick-

en, and who were happy but struggled to get through the Great Depression.

Friday was born Lorena Amanda Klumpp, on May 8, 1908, in Selina, Mich. She was the only child of Adam and Christina (nee

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