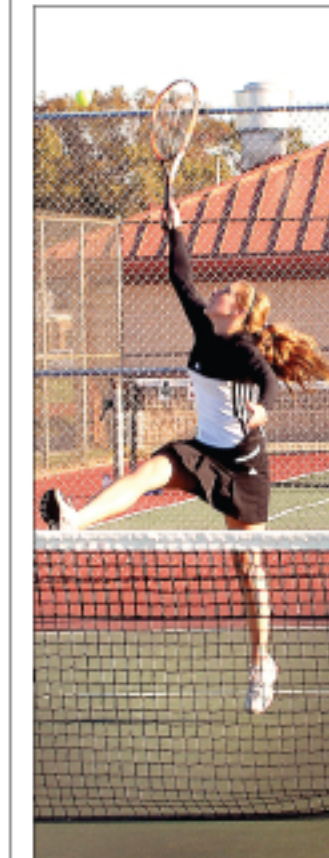




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Resident, mayor disagree over endorsement

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - City resident Albert Beale told the mayor and two council members present at Tuesday's council meeting he wanted to hear them endorse the \$10.5 million Convention Hall project.

Mayor Edward Mahaney told Beale the governing body has to be very careful about the way it presents information to the public.

Beale, reading a prepared statement, said he was concerned about statements made by Mahaney, saying city government never promised a new Convention Hall, only an "open and transparent process," after which the voters would decide whether or not to approve the project.

Beale said the city needs and expects a new Convention Hall.

"Without the Convention Hall or the passing of the ordinance facing us on Nov. 4, tourism and our community would be negatively impacted, along without wallets," Beale said.

Beale, who several times referred to the press "interpreting" statements made about the project, said Mahaney's remark that this council "inherited" the project made it sound like

taking up the project was a "bothersome problem or an annoyance."

Beale's second concern was regarding Mahaney's signature on a petition to place the bond ordinance for the Convention Hall project on a referendum.

"Mayor, you signed a petition when running for office, which concerns me about your agenda," Beale said.

Beale said the five town hall meetings held on the Convention Hall project were useful, but alone do not formulate decisions; rather the elected body had to make decisions.

He said the project has been presented with only the expense side of the equation given, and wished to see the project promoted on its revenue potential, as an environ-

mentally/alternative energy friendly building, and as a venue that would attract "higher caliber performances and uses."

"We need leadership from our governing body - you, city council - not only for the residents and businesses today but for our future 25-plus years out," Beale said.

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City manager position being discussed

Mayor Mahaney says next Tuesday action will be taken

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - Two weeks ago, Mayor Edward Mahaney said city council would release some information on what they plan to do about the city manager position.

Chief financial officer Bruce MacLeod has been serving as the interim city manager since the removal of Lou Corea in June.

However, city council did not have enough time to discuss the city manager before Tuesday's regular session, spending their entire closed session discussing the PBA contract.

City council returned to closed session after the public meeting to discuss Cape May's city manager. Mahaney said he expected something to be on the next meeting agenda.

"Next Tuesday we will take some action, but that's all I'm at liberty to say," Mahaney said.

The mayor said a press release would most likely be prepared for distribution at the Oct. 28 meeting, scheduled for 1 p.m. in the City Hall auditorium.

Council introduces BID ordinance

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
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CAPE MAY - City council introduced an ordinance Tuesday to create the Washington Street Mall Business Improvement District (BID).

The management corporation, known as a Chapter 505, is named the Washington Street Mall Management Company, Inc., which is a non-profit corporation created under New Jersey statutes. The management corporation receives the funds collected under a special assessment in the BID, which is \$500 for a business with less than 800 square feet, and \$800 for a business with more than 800 square feet. Outdoor patio space is included in the calculation.

The assessment would be collected by the

OCTOBER IN CAPE MAY



Jennifer Kopp/Cape May Star and Wave
Autumn events in the area this weekend included West Cape May Elementary School's annual Community Pig Roast Friday and its haunted house, shown left, with students Ian Hamman and Katherine Swan; Les Rea's Country Harvest Fest, above left, Max Gilbert, 5, of Cape May, picks out his perfect pumpkin and the 25th annual Cape May Halloween Parade, above, one-year-old Nicholas Costanzo of Erma as "A Bun in the Oven" who won third place for themed groups. See more photos and results on Page A13.

Kurkowski, LoBiondo debate

By **ERIC AVEDISSIAN**
Cape May Star and Wave

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP - The economy, the war in Iraq, and health care topped the issues two congressional candidates wrestled over in the Second Congressional District debate at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey on Monday.

Incumbent Republican Congressman Frank LoBiondo and Democrat David Kurkowski answered questions from moderators John Froonjian of The Press of Atlantic City and Cynthia Burton of The Philadelphia Inquirer during the hour-long debate.

Kurkowski, a Cape May City councilman, said he's running for Congress to offer "real solutions to real problems." He came out swinging against LoBiondo, criticizing his record.

"In two weeks, my opponent faces a moment of truth because we're going to be voting on his record. In his 14 years in Congress, he has not addressed major problems," Kurkowski said.

LoBiondo, who is running for his eighth Congressional term, empha-

sized his South Jersey roots as a resident and family businessman.

"My mission and my responsibility is to take the South Jersey point of view to Washington," LoBiondo said.

"Washington is a wonderful place to visit, but it's not the real world. The real world is here in South Jersey, where people are facing problems every day."

On the financial bailout package recently passed by Congress, Kurkowski said he would have supported the legislation.

"Neither of those bills was a perfect bill, but we were in a crisis situation in this country. Our credit was frozen. We have to understand that banks couldn't lend to banks and businesses couldn't get the money they need to meet their payrolls," Kurkowski said.

Kurkowski said the second bill Congress passed contained unnecessary pork barrel items. He said he's opposed to such items, but said he would have voted for the legislation.

"We were at the precipice of going into a depression. I believe that it was right for the second bill to be passed. It was a relief for the bill to

be passed," Kurkowski said.

LoBiondo said he voted against both bailout packages because they didn't protect the taxpayers.

"We are facing a crisis and I did want to do something about it, but anytime

Congress does something fast and big, they've done it wrong," LoBiondo said. "We were told \$700 billion and given a blank check. There's a loophole for foreign banks that was not closed."

LoBiondo criticized the bill for not punishing those responsible for the sub-prime mortgage crisis and Congress's inclusion of "Christmas tree items" such as tax breaks for Puerto Rican rum producers and manufacturers of toy wooden arrows.

"I couldn't come back to the district and look you in the eye and tell you it was good deal for you. We should have stayed in session and done it right," LoBiondo said.

Asked about the United States' plan in Iraq, Kurkowski agreed there should be a timetable for withdrawal and deployment of troops in Afghanistan to respond to

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LoBiondo and Kurkowski discuss plans and issues

By **ERIC AVEDISSIAN**
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CAPE MAY - Democrat David Kurkowski said the country is moving in the wrong direction, with a sagging economy, a tarnished international reputation and a costly war in Iraq.

He said on Nov. 4, voters should reject longtime Republican incumbent Congressman Frank LoBiondo and vote for him as New Jersey's Second Congressional District representative.

Born in Scranton, Pa., and raised in Harrisburg, Pa., Kurkowski received his B.A. in political science from Oberlin College in Ohio. He worked as a social studies and civics teacher in the Wissahickon School District in Ambler, Pa. and earned a master's degree and Ph.D in

political science at Temple University.

He worked for a market research consulting firm for five years before starting his own market research firm,

Research there. He ran for Cape May City Council in 2004 and lost that election. In 2006, Kurkowski ran again and won a seat on that council.

"I felt as I was approaching age 60, it was time to enter a public service part of life. I was fortunate enough to win election in Cape May," Kurkowski said.

He calls himself as a "consensus-builder" on the council, unifying different factions.

According to Kurkowski, the second congressional seat would have gone without a challenger to incumbent LoBiondo if he didn't step forward and run.

"I decided the country was in dire straits and needed somebody new. I thought if I could win this seat, I could make a difference," Kurkowski said.

Kurkowski is painting his opponent as being asleep at

By **ERIC AVEDISSIAN**
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VINELAND - When Frank LoBiondo was sworn into Congress for the first time in 1995, it was a different world.

Hillary Clinton wasn't a fiery senator from New York but the First Lady, Saddam Hussein and his Ba'ath Party ruled Iraq, and the worst terrorist attack on American soil at the time would be a few months away with the bombing of a federal building in Oklahoma City.

LoBiondo and his fellow Republicans staged one of the biggest coups in American politics - retaking both houses of Congress for the first time since 1953. They ran on reform, signing a "Contract With America" that pledged getting tough on crime, reducing the federal govern-

ment and ending politics as a lifelong career by advocating term limits for high federal officeholders.

Oddly enough, candidate LoBiondo in 1994 promised to only serve five terms - a decade in Congress. But in 2006, he ran for his sixth term, citing the terrorist attacks in 2001 created a turbulent climate and that residents of New Jersey's Second Congressional District needed his experience now more than ever.

This year, LoBiondo is running for his eighth term amid

a climate of rising oil prices, a downturn in the national economy, an entrenched war in Iraq and Afghanistan and saber-rattling in Iran.

"I've developed a partnership with the county and the state in a variety of different ways to produce results for the people of South Jersey."

- **Congressman Frank LoBiondo**

Born in Rosenhayn, Cumberland County, LoBiondo received his B.A. in business administration from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. He worked as an executive in his family-owned and operated trucking company.

In 1984, LoBiondo was elected to the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders. He was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly in 1988, serving as a first district assemblyman until 1994, when he was elected to Congress.

LoBiondo said he believes he's the best-qualified candidate and has a record of proven results.

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