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1st Quarter				11/5
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Special Jazz Festival booklet inside!

Bruce MacLeod named as new city manager

MacLeod wants to maintain open communication with members of city council and the public

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

CAPE MAY - After serving as interim city manager for roughly four months, Cape May City Council voted to give the job Bruce MacLeod. MacLeod has worked for the city of Cape May for 29 years, being hired first as the assistant tax collector in 1979. MacLeod has served as the city's tax collector and treasurer/chief financial officer, and this June was asked to serve as interim city manager. MacLeod said his appointment as city manager is retroactive to Oct. 1, when he would begin collecting salary as the city manager. MacLeod said his salary as chief financial officer would

cease effective Oct. 1, but he would continue in that function until the city hires another CFO.

Mayor Edward Mahaney addressed the question of why there was no regional or national search for a new city manager. Mahaney said he has been in Cape May 42 years, and he doesn't believe looking outside of Cape May has ever brought positive results. He said anyone brought in from the outside would have to learn the history of Cape May and its current issues and problems. He said MacLeod has risen through the ranks and is highly thought of in city government. Mahaney said it was a "once in a lifetime" opportunity to hire someone like MacLeod as city manager, a job Mahaney said MacLeod did not campaign for.

Mahaney also commended MacLeod for stepping up to the plate when previous city manager Lou Corea was removed; a time when the city was facing a "controversial" capital project, and when caps on budget increases and municipal budgets

have been established by the state. Mahaney said the city needs a financial expert to deal with budget restrictions, and to work on behalf of the city in contract negotiations and the still unsettled East Cape May development issue. "We had to elevate someone who has the ability to step into the position," Mahaney said.

According to Mahaney, in the past four months, MacLeod has proven he can do the job.

MacLeod gave a few remarks from a prepared statement in which he thanked the mayor and council for having the confidence in him to appoint him city manager. He said he would maintain open communication with members of city council and the public and "continue to find a balance between residential quality of life needs and maintaining a viable business community."

Councilwoman Terri Swain said she felt MacLeod was the best candidate they could find anywhere, and Councilman Niels Favre said the city was fortunate to have



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Bruce MacLeod speaking at a town meeting.

MacLeod step up and take on the new role. Deputy Mayor Linda Steenrod said she felt MacLeod has shown he is able to handle the job.

MacLeod, 55, is a resident of Cape May Court House, where his parents moved when he was five. He graduated from Middle Township High School in 1971, and got a BA in Accounting from Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N.C.

He is licensed by the State of New Jersey as a certified tax collector and a certified municipal finance officer.

MacLeod will continue to be employed as the Cape May tax collector with that salary and continue to receive the pay increases offered to non-union employees. MacLeod said the contract approved by city council Tuesday would award him an additional \$28,000 as city manager, giving him a salary of around \$118,500.

His salary for city manager would increase incrementally for the life of the contract, going to \$28,500 in 2009, \$29,000 the following year, and top \$30,000 in 2011.

Cape May 400 in 2009!

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
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CAPE MAY - Bob Elwell, representing the 400th Anniversary Committee, told city council the committee was trying to develop a year-long celebration of Henry Hudson's arrival at Cape May and they would like the city to help out financially.

"If you could find your way clear, we'd like a chunk of change," he said.

Next year will be the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's historic voyage exploring the waterways of the eastern shoreline. According to his logbook, on

Aug. 28, 1609 he spent the night stuck on a sand bar off what became known as Cape May. Although he did not come ashore, Hudson may have been the first European to lay eyes on Cape May.

Elwell said the committee has been meeting weekly for the past couple of months, and is putting together a list of ideas for celebrating the 400th Anniversary. The committee has already decided on its first event - a fundraising ball to be held on Feb. 15, 2009 at Congress Hall.

Elwell said the celebration for the 350th Anniversary was probably the biggest event the city ever saw, and

the committee was hoping the 400th would emulate it. They have also tentatively scheduled a parade for July 25, and have talked about a beach party, when they hope people would be allowed to bring gas grills and cook on the beach.

Discussing the celebration with the mayor, council and city manager, ideas floated included volleyball games, a waterball contest, an intramural lifeguard competition, a family style picnic, a Miss Beach Patrol competition, actors portraying historic figures in public places, a baseball game in throwback uniforms, and a band concert.

Elwell said another committee member, Laurie Thomas, has been in touch with a 400th anniversary committee in New York about getting a replica of one of Hudson's boats down to Cape May for a week or so.

"We're asking you to put money in the budget to help carry this thing through," Elwell said.

Elwell said he was not sure of the amount needed, but he would be talking to

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Veterans have new place to gather

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
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CAPE MAY COUNTY - Local military veterans have another place to meet other veterans and talk about their experiences.

Patricia Tarleton, a National Guard retiree, said the Cape May County Army National Guard Association is open to any former members of the military who would like to get together.

"We're basically a bunch of retirees who get together once a month for breakfast," she said.

Started mainly as a social club, the Cape May County Army National Guard Association has a secondary mission to support the 253rd Transportation Company.

"If the 253rd is activated again, we can help the family support group reformulate themselves," Tarleton said.

Tarleton said the group formed about three years ago. She said the social group's plan was they would

be a group of people used to meeting on a regular basis in the event the National Guard unit is deployed again.

"During the first Gulf War there wasn't much in place," Tarleton said. "A few of us called all the family members. Between the first and second Gulf War, members changed, but again we helped get people together."

Tarleton said the group now has 60 members on the rolls, and between 13 to 26 show up for breakfast on any given Saturday.

"There are still a lot of people still working, some coaching football, and we have no strict organization. If you can come, come," Tarleton said.

The meetings begin with discussion of association business, lasting 15 minutes to a half-hour. Then they are served breakfast and conversation takes over.

Tarleton said the membership fee is \$5 per year, and that is basically to cover the

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Trick or Treat comes early!

The Washington Street Mall Association held its annual Trick or Treat Sunday. With the warm fall temperatures, the mall was crawling with creatures, critters and these two beauties, Ava Garry and Janelle Gehrke, both 7 and both from Cape May.

So, what does it really cost?

MacLeod presents cost of running old Convention Hall

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
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CAPE MAY - Following requests to know what it is going to cost to operate the new Convention Hall, then interim city manager Bruce MacLeod gave a presentation recently on outlining what it has been costing the city to operate the existing

Convention Hall.

According to MacLeod, in 2007 the city spent \$17,337 on electricity for Convention Hall, and \$9,600 for gas. Another \$8,600 was spent on repairs to the HVAC system, and \$7,372 went to janitorial supplies. Another \$13,854 was spent to operate the Solarium, which houses restrooms, a restaurant and retail store. The total amount of direct operating costs in 2007 for both structures was \$57,761.

Civic Affairs personnel, who work out of Convention Hall were paid \$163,465, plus another \$18,575 in wages for

part-time, hourly workers in the Recreation Department. The total salary and wages, MacLeod said, was \$303,000, but recreation programs pay about 40-percent of the cost.

On the revenue side, the city took in \$57,000 in fees for events held at Convention Hall. The Solarium brought in \$36,500 in rent from the retail stores and \$46,350 from the restaurant.

MacLeod said the city estimates they would receive about \$73,000 in rents from the retail stores in the new Convention Hall. Added to

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Lower Township candidates give their spin on issues

Douglass wants township to be affordable

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
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LOWER TOWNSHIP - Glenn Douglass' family goes back a long way in Lower Township.

"I'm a lifelong resident, my family goes way back. I have four brothers who all live in the community," he said.

Douglass, married and the father of three sons, has worked for the New Jersey Department of Corrections for 18 years. He is currently the supervisor of warehousing and fleet operations for DEPTCOR, supervising the transport of all products from inmate industry. Previously he worked for his father's construction company. Douglass said he has always

been very involved in the township, starting with the recreation department, coaching baseball, basketball and soccer. He was a member of the Recreation Advisory Board, the Planning Board, the Optimist Club, and is a licensed real estate agent.

Douglass, has been the Third Ward councilman for two years of a four year term, said he is running for mayor because he wants to help make Lower Township a comfortable, affordable place to live.

"My main concern is in trying to deal with people. When they call I respond. I'm there to help people wherever I can, or direct them to the right people," Douglass said.

Douglass said this philosophy has worked in the community, and helped him work with people on council.

"I want to work as a team," he said.

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Beck promises open government

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
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LOWER TOWNSHIP - Mike Beck was teaching at St. Raymond's School in Villas, when he was concerned about an abandoned gas station at the corner of Bayshore and Fulling Mill Roads. He started a petition to get rid of the gas station, which had a tree growing out of it. As it turned out, the petition drive led to the clean up of the site polluted by years as a service station.

"It was a victory for a neighborhood who never had anyone stand up for them," Beck said.

Beck, who retired from the Philadelphia Police Department as a lieutenant, said it became one of his main goals to erase that attitude.

He ran for council, was elected and served eight years as a ward councilman.

"People knew me as someone who fought for people and was not afraid to take on issues or say what was right in public," Beck said.

As a councilman, Beck said he saw the transformation of parts of the township, such as Mulligan Field, which he said was renovated and became a gem in the township.

Beck said he refused to vote for the late night pay raise for council several years ago, and he led the fight against the Sweetbriar Motel, which was housing individuals sent by social services and the source of numerous complaints and calls for police service.

Beck also stood alone on the council voting against going from seeding the field at Bennett's Crossing to installing sod. As it turned out, he said, the project is still

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Roach brings council, police experience

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LOWER TOWNSHIP - Harvey Roach, the Democratic candidate for Lower Township mayor served as the township's Third Ward councilman from 1995 to 1998. Roach said he decided to run for mayor after noticing a decline in local services.

"I've always had an interest in politics, especially local politics," Roach said. "I've tried to stay informed on current events, and I've notice a decline in services and a decline in confidence in township government."

Roach, a retired police lieutenant, said he then approached Peter Smith and

asked him to consider running with him as a Democratic ticket. Roach said the decline in services is evident in what he described as a decline in how things are handled in the township. An example, he said, was the moving of the Lower Township Police Department from its location on Bayshore Road to the airport complex. He said when he was in office the township received bids to renovate the building for \$100,000, but they did the work in-house for \$29,000.

During his time on council, he said, the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority (LTMUA) was "laying pipe and on the cutting edge for water reuse and conservation." He said the LTMUA is no longer laying pipe, and there was talk of abolishing the utility authority.

"It was going good, doing good things, and then the

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