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OCTOBER TIDE TABLE

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10/5	4:21	4:42	9:56	10:59
10/6	5:22	5:38	10:59	11:50
10/7	6:13	6:26	11:54	
10/8	6:56	7:08	12:33	12:42
10/9	7:34	7:46	1:11	1:25
10/10	8:10	8:22	1:46	2:06

Giuliani makes campaign stop at Congress Hall GOP presidential candidate backs Nick Asselta, Norris Clark and Michael Donohue

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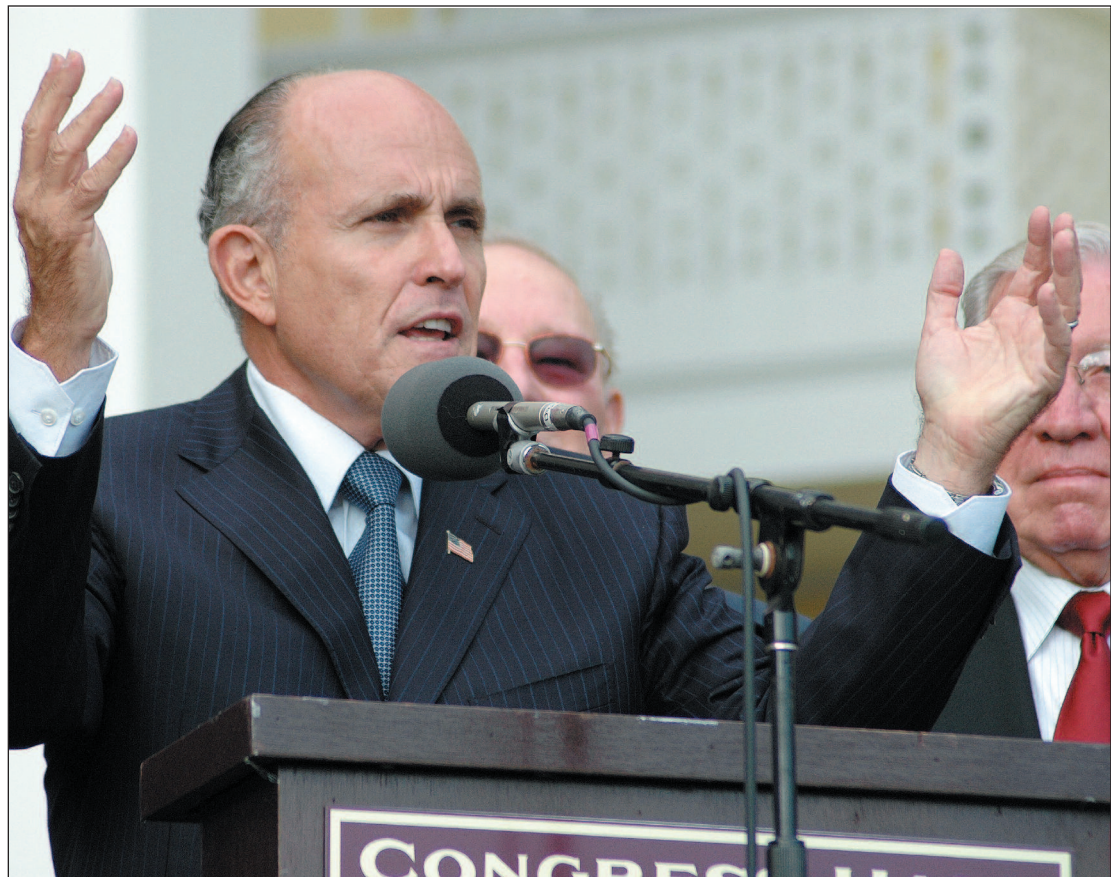
CAPE MAY – Security was tight and there were bomb-sniffing dogs as a crowd of about 1,000 residents, volunteers, fire police, and politicians gathered shoulder to shoulder on the lawn of

advisory about the event stated. Various firefighters and service men and women came dressed in uniform and did not receive recognition. Talk radio jockey Harry Hurley gave opening comments and announced his formal endorsement of Giuliani.

bring that city back. "There was only one person who could have done that at the particular time, a man who commanded respect from every citizen in that community, the city and of the entire country. It is my unbelievable honor to introduce the next president of the

ership to remain on the offense against terrorism, and to preserve the nature of the American economy." "New Jersey will be a critical state in determining the next president of the U.S."

government is going to spend it." Giuliani promoted tax deductions and privatize health care as opposed to government-direct healthcare. Giuliani said the U.S. needs to remain on the offense in the war against terror.



Congress Hall Monday afternoon, Oct. 1.

It was all in anticipation of Republican presidential candidate Rudolph Giuliani, the former New York City Mayor who made a whistle stop in Cape May.

Giuliani was touring southern New Jersey to promote his candidacy, the GOP and raise money for state Sen. Nicholas Asselta's campaign at the hotel once known as the summer White House.

The event, titled "A Tribute to Heroes," was misleading. Giuliani paid more tribute to America's favorite pastime and the Philadelphia Phillies' recent playoff success than "a salute to the courage and sacrifice of police, firefighters, and EMS teams" as the media

"These are serious and dangerous times, there is not time for on the job training, this is not amateur hour. Mayor Rudy Giuliani has already shown his capacity to lead this country in a way that makes him the most pre-qualified candidate to ever run for the presidency. This candidate can run and win in all 50 states," Hurley said, drawing loud applause.

Asselta introduced Giuliani. "This is an important day for our district and our country," Asselta told the enthusiastic crowd.

"Giuliani has demonstrated leadership that is beyond belief. After 9/11 I stood at that canon of destruction and clearly understood how difficult of a job it would be to

United States, Rudolph Giuliani."

Giuliani spoke about the war on terrorism, homeland security, the economy and baseball.

"Hillary (Clinton) and I do share one thing in common: we are both Yankee fans."

Baseball became a continuous theme throughout the event. Giuliani aimed his competition towards leading Democratic presidential contender Clinton several times throughout his speech.

Giuliani said if he and Clinton are both nominated, they should have a one-hour Yankee trivia quiz instead of a typical debate.

"I am running for president because this country needs very strong, determined lead-

Clinton promised to send a \$5,000 bond to every newborn child-and a chicken in a pot. The last one to promise something like this was George McGovern who promised to send \$1,000 to every American. Maybe that money will be retroactive, Hillary Clinton. Some people may not need it: what if Bill Gates has another child?"

Giuliani said, "\$22 billion of your hard-earned money would go towards hand-out programs."

"We need a responsible Republican president who will make sure we don't go bankrupt and teach people to help themselves."

Giuliani said he reduced taxes 23 different times as mayor of New York City.

"We need to give some of that money back to you because you will spend it more intelligently than the

"Victory is a stable Iraq that will be an ally for the United States of America in the Islamic terrorist war against us, not a country we turn over to the terrorists because people are getting too frustrated."

Giuliani said he learned leadership from Ronald Reagan.

Giuliani spoke about the Democratic debates and Clinton's answer to news show host Tim Russert's question about Iran as a possible nuclear power. "We will exercise any option that we deem necessary, and not take the military option off the table, to prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear power because it's too dangerous and irresponsible to allow."

Giuliani promised to multiply the number of Republican offices in New Jersey.

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Republican candidate and former mayor of New York City, Rudy Giuliani spoke to a massive crowd on the lawns of Congress Hall Monday. Though security was tight, many had the opportunity for an autograph or a handshake from the GOP hopeful.

Mall lawsuit begins: Decision to be made October 11

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ATLANTIC CITY – Superior Court Judge Valerie Armstrong heard oral arguments in the lawsuit between the Concerned Taxpayers of Cape May and the City of Cape May over the revitalization of the Washington Street Mall Sept. 26.

Judge Armstrong will rule Oct. 11 if the case will be dismissed as requested by the city or if the taxpayers group will be granted the opportunity for discovery.

Discovery could lead to arguments over the definition of a sidewalk, dispute over the publicity of meetings and the public purpose of the mall.

In reference to the meetings, plaintiff attorney

Gregory Saputelli mentioned an affidavit by a mall revitalization sub-committee member who claims meetings were being held in private.

As for defining a sidewalk, the city's current definition reads "from the property to the curb line for the use of pedestrians."

Because the pedestrian mall is essentially all sidewalk with no curb there is confusion over where one property ends and another begins.

The taxpayers group believes the city is violating its own ordinance that requires abutting property owners to repair their own sidewalks.

The group claims business owners on the mall should pay for some of the mall revitalization project because they benefit from increased

property value.

The 1997 ordinance states that the abutting property owners maintain sidewalks unless they are wholly funded by governmental agencies other than the city so they will not become the responsibility of taxpayers as general municipal improvements.

The city later amended the ordinance so the municipality has the authorization to decide financing of general municipal projects.

The brick surfacing is expected to cost \$2.2 million out of the total project cost of \$3.5 million.

City Manager Lou Corea said bids opened Oct. 2 for the infrastructure repairs.

He said if discovery is granted, the mall project will not be able to move forward this year for the 2008 tourist

season because the discovery phase could take several months.

"We hope she will dismiss the complaint and the city can move forward on the project," Corea said.

"We have a legislative record that can't be expanded upon and there is nothing they can obtain in discovery that can supplement the record," Corea said after the hearing.

The city's attorney, Andrew Catanese, argued for dismissal saying the complaint is "baseless and outrageous."

"The legislative record, it's clear to me that we have more than ample evidence to support the ordinance," Catanese said.

The taxpayer group, consisting of bed and breakfast and hotel owners Larry

Muentz, Gus Andy, and Jay Schatz said there are 96 other unnamed members in the complaint against the mall project.

After the hearing, Schatz said the mall is not the main attraction of Cape May. He said people come for the beach and the historic buildings, not the pedestrian mall.

"It's not the Mall of America," Schatz said referring to the attraction in Bloomington, Minnesota.

The taxpayer group believes the mall merchants are receiving privileged treatment and the revitalization will only benefit the 100 merchants along the mall.

"Some animals are more equal than others," Schatz said quoting George Orwell's classic novel "Animal Farm." Judge Armstrong said the

mall benefits the community, not the business owners alone, and but agreed that each improvement benefits some taxpayers more than others.

The mall project was rejected in a public referendum in August 2006, though in the same vote the public agreed to repair the mall's underground water and sewer utilities at a cost of \$400,000.

The mall revitalization project intends to rehabilitate and repave the entire mall area, adding lights and water fountains, and replacing trees.

If the city repairs utilities this winter without having the street repaved, Corea said the mall could result in asphalt devoid of vegetation.

City bond ordinance coun

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BTF finally receives \$100,000 loan

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CAPE MAY – The previously approved \$100,000 city loan to the Beach Theatre Foundation (BTF) met yet another challenge over the weekend of Sept. 28. When the city's loan consultant, Triad Associates, advised Cape May City to secure collateral.

Last Friday, BTF solicited individuals for personal pledge guarantees and made a mad dash scrambling over the weekend asking board members, friends and supporters to pledge a personal guarantee. BTF announced Oct. 1 they were able to secure 48 pledge guarantees in 48 hours.

The pledge guarantee will

only require people to provide money in the case of loan default.

"48 hours is not much time to raise \$110,000," said Jerry Gaffney, foundation vice-president.

Gaffney said all members of the foundation contributed a pledge to back the loan.

\$100,000 is to lease the theatre from Frank Investments, Inc. and the additional \$10,000 is a security deposit.

The loan check was signed and deposited into the foundation's bank account Oct. 1 and BTF signed a 12-month lease option/agreement with Frank Investments the next day.

"I can't tell you how much this tremendous outpouring of support demonstrates why

we are in this mission to save the Beach Theatre," BTF President Steve Jackson said.

"Board members and friends of the foundation canvassed the city and found person after person ready to sign and give their personal commitment to the loan whether it was \$100 or several thousand," Jackson said.

Gaffney said all contributions were by individuals and no corporate pledge guarantees were received.

This has been just one of many hurdles the BTF has jumped to fulfill its mission to save the Beach Theatre.

Frank Investments was granted approval to demolish the theater and build condominiums effective Labor Day. City Council then adopted

new policies for the revolving loan plan through Triad Associates at its regular meeting Sept. 4. After review of loan under the new policies, council unanimously approved the loan at a special meeting later that week.

Mayor Jerome Inderwies and Jackson posed for a large check presentation Sept. 7 but still the BTF did not receive the money until Oct. 2.

Triad Associates President Michael Zumpino originally said the foundation could use its fundraising events as collateral.

Since receiving the \$100,000, the foundation has begun a "BTF Auction '07" –

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23rd annual Lima Bean Festival Oct. 6

WEST CAPE MAY – The 23rd annual Lima Bean Festival will be held this Saturday, Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Wilbraham Park.

The festival will feature a variety of lima bean foods like succotash, lima bean soup, sandwiches and lima bean salads. Traditional foods will also be available.

Vendors will be at the park selling crafts, collectibles, jewelry, and clothing.

Activities will be live music, dancers, contests, and the crowning of the Lima Bean King and Queen.

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