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First District GOP candidates kick off their campaign

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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CAPEMAY COURT HOUSE – The three Republican candidates for the state Assembly and Senate kicked off a campaign focusing on economic development and jobs.

The three, Senate candidate Susan Adelizzi-Schmidt and Assembly candidates Kristine Gabor and Sam Fiocchi met at the Bellevue Tavern in Cape May Court House, and stopped briefly at two local businesses to talk to the owners.

Republican Middle Township Mayor Dan Lockwood said he believed the candidates represented a solid ticket. He said once the message of economic development and jobs goes district-wide it will be well received.

Adelizzi-Schmidt said she

was proud to be part of a historic team, which includes the potential for two women to be elected to represent the first district. Adelizzi-Schmidt, the owner of Suation Communications, promoting small businesses would be part of their platform. Jobs, she said, was another focus area because the first district has the highest unemployment rate in the state – 20 percent for Cape May and 15.8 percent in Cumberland counties, which make up the largest part of the district.

“The three of us bring a lot of experience and integrity to the district,” Adelizzi-Schmidt said.

Fiocchi was a small business owner most of his life, and said he provided jobs for 40 years. A Cumberland County Freeholder, Fiocchi

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Nice day for it

Nice day for what? Doing anything or nothing, as this couple in Cape May Point is demonstrating. The pair were caught sitting on a bench enjoying some great weather and keeping an eye on an expectant mother swan.

Beef and Beer benefit for Ray Reyes

CAPE MAY – Friends and family are holding a Beef and Beer for Ray Reyes to help out financially as he faces a liver transplant.

Ray has touched so many people in his career and community service. Whether you know Ray through Macedonia Baptist Church, WCFA-LP radio, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 386, the Pilot House, the Woodbine Developmental Center, or know him as a friend, co-worker, or radio personality, your support is very much appreciated.

Ray has been an important part of the community, and at the Center for Community Arts' WCFA radio he was chair of the Radio Committee for a number of years and is currently a radio personal-



Ray Reyes

ity with his show airing on Friday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m.

The benefit will be held on Saturday, April 13, from 4 to 8 p.m. at VFW Post 386, 419 Congress St., Cape May.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at VFW Post 386, the Pilot House at 142 Decatur St., or at WCGA-LP 101.5 FM, 717 Franklin St. The cost of the ticket includes food, draft beer, and music by Maurice “Mojo” Porter. Cash bar.

If you can't attend, and would still like to donate, mail your check made out to: Raimundo Reyes, c/o WCFA-LP FM, 717 Franklin St., Cape May, NJ 08204.

For more information call CCA/WCFA at (609) 884-7525.

Council takes step to buy Vance's

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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CAPE MAY – City council introduced an ordinance authorizing the purchase of the former Vance's Bar property on Lafayette Street from RFB Properties for \$1.956 million.

The city has been trying to acquire the property for years. In 2004, council repealed an ordinance introduced allowing the use of eminent domain to obtain the property nearly two acres in size.

The land is intended to be part of a new recreational park and open space area on the north end of Cape May. Mayor Ed Mahaney said the property is the last open space the city has for recre-



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Above, Vance's the former Vance's Tavern is part of a parcel the city intends to purchase as part of a park project.

ational purposes. “It provides recreation and additional parking we sorely need,” Mahaney said.

He said the property was appraised at just over \$1 million in 2004, but sold to a developer for \$2.69 million

after the city's \$1.1 million offer was turned down. Cape May is now purchasing the property for nearly \$2 million from a bank after a plan to build condominiums on the

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Council discusses muzzling dogs

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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CAPE MAY – Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman has suggested city council discuss potential muzzle laws for dogs in Cape May following another dog attack in recent weeks.

In November of last year, council passed an ordinance regarding the tethering of dogs after a shepherd puppy was attacked and killed by a passerby pit bull mix being walked by its owner in September. The attack took place on Washington Street, where the shepherd puppy was left unattended and became tangled up on a short tether. The pit bull attacked when its owner went to assist the puppy.

Wichterman said the same pit bull mix recently attacked another dog in Cape May. He said the owner of the dog being attacked was forced to throw herself upon her pet to protect it from the pit bull. According to witnesses in both incidences, the pit bull has not bitten or shown aggression toward people, just other dogs.

At the April 2 regular meeting, Wichterman said city council should discuss the possibility of drafting an ordinance requiring muzzles for pure breed or mixed breed pit bulls while they are being walked in the City of Cape May.

“It seems any time you hear about one of these attacks, it's always a pit bull or a pit bull mix,” he said.

Councilperson Deanna Fiocca said she didn't believe the city should discriminate against one specific breed. According to Fiocca, homeowners' insurance companies list certain breeds as “aggressive or potentially dangerous,” affecting insurance rates. City Solicitor Tony Monzo said he would look into the matter and contact insurance companies as well as other municipalities that may have muzzle ordinances.

City Manager Bruce MacLeod said the owner of the pit bull mix would be appearing in municipal court to find if the dog is in fact dangerous. Monzo said any time a dog attack occurs, a

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Town Bank water project updated

By BETTY WUND
For the Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP – MUA Executive Director Matthew Ecker announced at the April 3 Municipal Utilities Authority Board meeting that the water allocation permit has been received from the Department of Environmental Preservation (DEP) for the Town Bank Phase 3 water project.

“We applied June 14, 2011 for the permit. We have finally received that approval. It's been a long hard road,” Ecker said.

This was the last major approval to complete the paperwork to bring safe, potable water to the area of Town Bank and Villas that do not have city water. The

water hookups can now be done as soon as the water mains are all installed.

“The contractor) anticipates as early as the end of this month he will be complete with all the mains. He started working on service connections just this week. He has a good subcontractor and they are making good progress with the service connections. As soon as they are finished we can do paving which I think most residents want more than the water,” Ecker said.

The homeowners are responsible for hiring a plumber to run a water line from the street connection to their homes. Their choice is to have city water inside and outside or use their wells only for outside activities such

as watering lawns, gardening, filling pools and washing cars.

The meters are to be set by the MUA and are included in the contract.

“What do we do when we get final approval? What happens to those meters?” board Vice Chairman Joseph Mento said.

“They are all included in the contract. We have 2,500 meters in storage,” Ecker said. “The installation of them is not. The MUA will do this. There are two steps to setting the meters. There is the physical installation of the meters and second to set up the billing.”

The meters will be set as requests are made by resi

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