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Bashaw wins GOP nomination for Senate

Will face Democrat Andy Kim and Independent Bob Menendez in general election

By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — Cape May hotelier and developer Curtis Bashaw secured the Republican Party nomination for U.S. Senate on June 4, defeating Christine Serrano Glassner with 45.6 percent of the vote to Serrano Glassner's 38.6 percent.

A victory celebration for Bashaw was held in Congress Hall's ballroom, which was filled with supporters and most of the members of the Cape May Coun-

ty Board of County Commissioners. By 9 p.m., it was clear Bashaw was leading by a healthy margin, buoying the spirits of the crowd in the historic hotel.

Bashaw will face Democrat Andy Kim and former Democrat Robert Menendez, who is now running as an independent while facing federal corruption charges.

Serrano Glassner lost despite being endorsed by former president Donald Trump.

Bashaw said he was not surprised by Trump's endorsement

of Serrano Glassner since her husband worked for Trump for a decade. He said he was proud of the endorsements he received from 14 of the state's county GOP organizations.

After crisscrossing the state, he said he discovered voters had consternation about the U.S. having a wide-open border with Mexico.

"It's not anti-immigration, it's really just about having a secure border, so we know who is coming into our country," Bashaw said.

Other areas of concerns of the public were support of law enforcement and inflation, he said.

"Whatever the administration nationally is saying about our economy being good, people don't believe that around the kitchen table because food is so expensive," Bashaw said.

He said corruption also was an area of concern with the Menendez trial in progress.

"People are really ready for outsiders, people with a new perspective to sort of come into politics, not career politicians,"

Bashaw said.

Wind turbines are a focus of shore communities, with municipalities in the northwestern part of the state concerned with affordable housing mandates, he said, noting those issues were not just Republican issues.

"Independents are upset about the border, they're upset about inflation, they're upset about law enforcement support and so are some Democrats," Bashaw said.

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'Silent Fallout: Baby Teeth Speak'

Japanese film about nuclear contamination with local connections being screened in U.S.

Editor's note: To schedule a screening of the film "Silent Fallout: Baby Teeth Speak" with director Hideaki Ito, email burkeshiho@gmail.com or sachi.com@goldensachi.com.

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Cape May Star and Wave

OCEAN CITY — A powerful Japanese film about the impact of radioactive fallout from American nuclear bomb testing will be making rounds in July and August as director Hideaki Ito returns to screen it for audiences in the United States.

Ito, who had produced films on the effects of radioactive fallout meant for Japanese audiences, was inspired for his latest film by a local man's book on the Baby Tooth Project.

This English-language film is meant for American audiences. It is narrated by actor Alec Baldwin.

Initiated in 1958 by a combination of concerned scientists and mothers (some were both), the project studied the effect of more than 200 above-ground nuclear bomb tests that began in post-World War II America.

The tremendous explosions in Nevada and on distant islands in the Pacific Ocean sent radioactive materials miles high into the atmosphere, where they were carried by the winds across the

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Hideaki Ito films Ocean City's Joseph Mangano, director of the Radiation Public Health Project, at the Ocean City Free Public Library in the summer of 2022 for his film, 'Silent Fallout: Baby Teeth Speak.'

O.C.'s Joseph Mangano heads project on health effects from radiation

By DAVID NAHAN
Cape May Star and Wave

OCEAN CITY — The Baby Tooth Project initiated in 1958 examined how children across the United States were absorbing a radioactive element because of fallout from nuclear testing in Nevada and distant islands in the Pacific.

Ocean City's Joseph Mangano is executive director of the Radiation and Public Health Project, which took a new look at the initiative that appeared to help spur President John F. Kennedy to sign an international treaty in 1963 to stop atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons.

In the late 1950s, scien-

tists at Washington University in St. Louis read an article in the journal "Na-

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Interpreter Reiko Tomomatsu, director Hideaki Ito and local residents Shiho (Kikuzaki) Burke and Joseph Mangano.

Shiho Burke's activism spurred by family's Hiroshima experience

By DAVID NAHAN
Cape May Star and Wave

OCEAN CITY — Shiho (Kikuzaki) Burke's peace

activism is personal. Her family was in Hiroshima when the U.S. dropped the first nuclear weapon on the city Aug. 6, 1945 to end World War II.

She got involved with director Hideaki Ito's film "Silent Fallout: Baby Teeth Speak" because she shares the director's vision.

Shiho is the only daughter of Mizuha (Takama) Kikuzaki, who was a little girl in a school 1.1 kilometers from ground zero. That child climbed out of the rubble after the devastating explosion that leveled much of the city, but she developed white blood cell disorders.

As an adult, Mizuha had

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Bond ordinances seek \$12.2M. for projects and gear

By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — With its budget in place, City Council introduced more than \$12 million in bonds to pay for repairs to roads and the Promenade and to purchase equipment for the police, fire and water/sewer departments.

At a June 5 meeting, council introduced a \$1.4 million bond ordinance providing for various beach utility improvements. The ordinance appropriates \$300,000 for beachfront Promenade buildings and grounds, \$400,000 for acquisition of equipment, not limited to vehicles, and \$700,000 for the city's share of a Boardwalk Preservation Grant for various work on the Promenade.

Council also introduced a \$1.8 million bond ordinance for water and sewer improvements.

Council introduced a \$9 million bond ordinance

for capital improvements, which includes \$2 million for roadway, bicycle and pedestrian paths; \$150,000 for the fire department for turnkeys, safety equipment and furniture; \$60,000 for the police department for tactical defense equipment, public safety equipment, radar units and trailers and mobile data/patrol car computers.

In addition, the bond funds equipment for various city facilities, such as trash cans, a street sweeper, litter vacuum and a lift truck, and \$3.8 million for city buildings, facilities and parks including Lafayette Street Park, a retaining wall on Bank Street, Franklin Street streetscape and improvements to the tennis club.

The ordinance contains \$2.1 million for a fire truck and related equipment.

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Grand opening set for new library at Franklin St. School

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CAPE MAY — A celebration for the opening of the city's new library branch at the historic Franklin Street School is set to begin at 1 p.m. June 13 with a book brigade passing books from the old library on Ocean Street to the new library on Franklin Street.

The public is invited to the Ocean Street location to be part of the event. Following the book brigade, a ribbon-cutting for 3 p.m. at the Franklin Street School.

City Hall will close at 12:45 p.m. Thursday to allow city employees to participate in the book

brigade, which will be a recreation of a similar event in 1982 when the city's library moved from the basement of City Hall to the Ocean Street location, a former Bell Telephone switching center.

The county agreed to schedule the grand opening for 3 p.m., which allows Cape May City Elementary School students to participate in the book brigade. The students have a half-day, which is the last day of school for the summer, allowing the students to join in the book brigade at 1 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Loraine Baldwin said the book brigade would

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