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The Cape May-Lewes Ferry M.V. Twin Capes sinks after being scuttled June 15 at the Del-Jersey Inshore Artificial Reef.

Twin Capes ferry joins artificial reef

The former Cape May-Lewes Ferry, the M.V. Twin Capes, made its final trip June 15, a one-way cruise to the bottom of the ocean to serve as an artificial reef. The vessel has become part of the Del-Jersey Inshore Artificial Reef that holds

former New York subway cars and military ships.

The Twin Capes plied a route from North Cape May to Lewes, Del., for 43 years. In 1996, the Delaware River and Bay Authority spent \$27 million to renovate the Twin Capes. It

was remodeled to resemble a small cruise ship with a restaurant and two bars.

It later was sold to Delaware's Department of Natural Resources for \$200,000. The ferry spent nearly a year being stripped of anything valuable or hazardous

to marine life by Coleen Marine of Norfolk, Va., before its sinking.

After being towed to the reef site 26 miles off the coast of Delaware, holes were cut in the hull and valves were opened to allow water into the ship.

City elementary may hire armed security officer

By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — The Board of Education is considering hiring an armed security guard for Cape May City Elementary School.

During a meeting June 14, Policy Committee Chairman Larry Reed said he has had discussions with Cape May Police Chief Tony Marino about obtaining a School Resource Officer (SRO) who would be attached to the local police department and placed in the school.

"They are very highly trained," Reed said.

In addition to their law enforcement training, SROs are also trained on how to relate to students, according to Reed.

The state approved the creation of Class III police officers, which are retired

officers with a current permit to carry a gun. Reed said Class III officers are also trained as SROs.

The salary of a Class III officer would be paid by the school, he said. An alternative would be to hire a retired police officer as a school district employee.

"We would be responsible for a salary but no pension or health benefits because they are retired, but we would still have to cover liability and (Worker's) Compensation," Reed said.

He said the school could be responsible to sending a retired officer for SRO training if necessary. The security officer would be certified by the state, Reed said.

Marino has agreed to work with the school with either a Class III officer or

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Woman recalls power, eloquence of King speech

By JOHN ALVAREZ
Special to the Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — Anna Wright told her nephew, James TerBush, the story of hearing the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. speak at Cape May Convention Hall so many times in the past couple of years that he expected to see a plaque on the wall when he visited. When he didn't, he contacted Mayor Chuck Lear.

Now the city is going to celebrate the 60th anniversary of King's visit to Cape May at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 27, at Convention Hall. King, the leader of non-

violent protests for the civil rights of black Americans, had spoken at the old Convention Hall on June 27, 1958.

"It just felt like a typical night in late June," the 89-year-old said from her home in Newtown Square, Pa., recalling how, at the age of 29, she heard King speak.

Wright was raised Quaker, and nonviolent civil disobedience had been a part of Quaker practice since the 1650s. Among the first calls for the abolition of slavery in America came in 1688 from the Quakers in Pennsylvania. The Quakers were

also early supporters of King, since they shared similar ideals of equality and nonviolence.

A key adviser to King in the 1950s and 1960s was a black Quaker named Bayard Rustin. And a key mentor to King was Howard Thurman, who said Quaker pacifist Rufus Jones had the greatest influence on him of any of his teachers. The Quakers were also the first to publish with King's permission his "Letter from Birmingham City Jail" in May 1963.



WRIGHT

In the summer of 1958, Wright, as well as 3,200 other Quakers, were in Cape May for the Friends General Conference.

"It was for that particular conference they invited Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King to come and speak to us. That was his mission — to get everyone to understand and know what was happening. He went around and gave speeches where he could, when he was able," she said.

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Man, 71, found dead in the bay off Lower Twp.

TOWN BANK — Two kayakers discovered the body of a Jenkintown, Pa., man Sunday, June 17, about 100 feet offshore in Delaware Bay.

Lower Township police received a call from a man who had discovered the body at about 3:47 p.m. floating in the water between Adelpia Road and Racetrack Drive.

The caller, Daniel Hogan, and friend Michael McGovern had been kayaking just prior to the discovery and subsequently removed the body from the water onto the beach area. Due to obvious signs of death, no lifesaving measures were attempted.

Further investigation identified the deceased as Christopher J. Heise Sr., 71. He was

reported missing and some of his belongings were found on the beach, according to police. A family member was able to make a positive identification at the death scene and next of kin was notified.

A joint investigation by the New Jersey State Police Marine Division, county Prosecutor's Office, Lower Township patrol and detective divisions, and the Cape May County Medical Examiner's Office was initiated to determine the cause of death. There were no visible signs of trauma and no signs of foul play, according to police. An autopsy was scheduled to be performed by the South Regional Medical Examiner's office.

Millennials offer mixed outlooks on living in Cape May

By RACHEL SHUBIN
Special to the Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — Millennials are alive and well in Cape May, and surviving on more than avocado toast and cold-brew coffee.

Rumor has it that their affinity for avocado toast and coffee is one of the reason millennials cannot afford to buy their own homes. Australian millionaire and property mogul Tim Gurner said the reason millennials are slower to buy their first home is because they are spending \$19 on avocado

toast and \$4 on coffee.

People are quick to use trendy food as a scapegoat, when the real problem is, but not limited to, student loans and the high cost of living. The generation that makes up millennials is so diverse that one statement does not encompass the entire age range.

In fact, there isn't even a definitive agreement about what years start and end this generation. Typically, those born from 1981 to 1994 make up the group, with the oldest millennials being 37 and the youngest 26.

Many millennials consider themselves idealists, connected and tolerant, while others have called them narcissistic, lazy and entitled.

The county tourism office has found that millennials seem to have little interest in visiting Cape May on their own, although it is suspected they are more likely to arrive here with their families.

Millennials living in Cape May break the mold of entitled, as many of them need to work multiple jobs to survive. Upon closer examination, Cape May has a

well-established millennial community living and working in town.

"Working here is tough because I'm a writer," Jennifer Post said. "I also consider job hunting a full-time job."

Post, 28, works as a freelance writer and has a part-time job at Willow Creek Winery. Her family visited relatives in Cape May before ultimately buying a house after Post graduated high school.

"I went away for college and then moved back in with my parents after I graduated from

Rowan," Post said. "Millennials love to hang out in Cape May, but can't afford to stay here."

Millennials are hindered with student loans, making funds scarce for life in a seasonal vacation resort town.

"Working here is great for college kids whose parents have a house here," Post said. "It's hard for someone like me who is trying to save up for a car, a house, bills and student loans. The constant cycle of seasonal jobs just isn't

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