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## Too hot for horsing around

How hot was it? It was so hot that horses were using electric fans to cool off. When temperatures reached the mid 90s last week, Cape May Carriage Co. horses stayed off the streets and in their stables, where they were treated to a cool breeze and a rinsing of cool water from hoses.

## Historian donates stained glass to firehouse

By JOHN COOKE  
Special to the Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — Stained-glass window artist Christopher Michalek knows all about fire department dedication. He lost two uncles while they fought a Camden fire in the mid-1970s.

Michalek was commissioned by historian and author Ben Miller to create stained glass for the Cape May Fire Department.

"The first piece of stained glass I sold was to a Lower Township fireman," Michalek said. "It makes me very emotional to think this firehouse will hang my art."

Miller arranged with locally based stained glass artist Michalek for a unique stained-glass window. The window depicts the Cape May Fire Department logo and, according to Miller, "honors the legacy of the Cape May Fire Department and all the brave professionals and volunteers who have dedicated their lives to protecting us over the years."

The window was presented to the city of Cape May and its Fire Department on July 13 at the firehouse. Receiving the window on behalf of the Fire Department.

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Historian Ben Miller, left, commissioned artist Christopher Michalek, right, to create stained glass for the Cape May Fire Dept. that was presented to Fire Chief Alex Coulter.

## Lower studies feasibility of aquatic center

Identifies three possible sites at Cape May County Airport

By JACK FICHTER  
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VILLAS — Lower Township could build an aquatic center with two swimming pools, offering programs for children through seniors, if funding can be acquired.

The township hired LAN Associates, of Midland Park, to conduct a feasibility study of building an aquatic center at the Cape May County Airport.

During a Township Council meeting Monday, LAN Associates Vice President Kim Vierheilg said the township identified three parcels of land at the airport as a possible site for the center: the former Everlon building tract, which would require demolition and an environmental cleanup; an adjacent property that has been cleared; and a third parcel that is heavily

forested. She said the property adjacent to the Everlon building, which fronts on Breakwater Road, may be the best site.

Darin Barr of Ballad King, a recreation facility and operation planner, said the feasibility study would determine the cost of building an aquatic center and the cost to operate the facility on a year-to-year basis.

Grant writer Peter Blanos, of Millennium Strategies, compiled a list of 14 possible funding sources.

"We have to see the real numbers to see the affordability of doing a project of this magnitude," Township Manager James Ridgway said, adding that said the center would need more than one pool.

"The (water) temperature is different for the age

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## School pool slated to open in October

By JACK FICHTER  
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CAPE MAY — Cape May City Elementary School's new indoor swimming pool is slated to open to the public in October.

During a Board of Education meeting July 13, Superintendent Victoria Zelenak said contractors may finish the major construction in August but would then go through a "punch list" of items prior to an opening.

"We will probably be able

to start swim classes for our students in September," Zelenak said.

She said the pool would have a "soft opening" in September. Zelenak said she and Business Administrator John Thomas met with the city's Recreation Department, which is setting up programs for the pool.

Zelenak said a grand opening of the pool would be held in October including the architect and project engineer.

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Cape May is considering installing a PA System along its Promenade from Second Avenue to Poverty Beach.

## City considers installing Promenade PA system

By JACK FICHTER  
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CAPE MAY — "Please leave the beach, a severe thunderstorm is headed this way," "Please stay out of the ocean due to strong rip currents," "A blonde-haired little boy wearing a Batman shirt and blue swim trunks is waiting at the lifeguard stand on Philadelphia Beach for his parents": Such messages could be broadcast to the beach and waterline if the city were to install a functioning public address (PA) system.

City Council is consid-

ering purchasing a PA system that would cover the beach and Promenade from Second Avenue to Poverty Beach. On July 12, Metro Sound Pros, of Washingtonville, N.Y., demonstrated speakers to Mayor Chuck Lear, Police Chief Tony Marino, Fire Chief Alex Coulter, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Lundholm, Beach Safety Committee Chairman Dennis DeSatnick and member Jack Wichterman, City Manager Neil Young, Police Lt. Dekon Fashaw, Public Works Director Joe Picard and City IT Director Dan Shustack at

Madison Avenue beach.

Two types of speakers were hung from a public works lift truck over the Promenade. Leo Garrison, of Metro Sound Pros, said the large horn speaker "threw" sound about 500 feet. Speakers would be installed every 300 feet along the beachfront, he said, noting the test would be 20 to 30 percent lower than the actual application since it was using only one speaker.

The horn speakers would be mounted on poles.

"It gives you really very full sounding speech at a distance and the articula-

tion is far, far better because it's a straight horn," said Rich Trombitas, a sound engineer with Cardone, Solomon and Associates of Cornwall, N.Y.

In addition, a foreground speaker would be installed that could provide sound to the Promenade, including music. A sound level that reaches the water but is not overpoweringly loud on the beach must be found, Garrison said.

Beach Patrol Capt. Geoff Rife said Cape May's predominant wind was from the south, wind blowing off

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