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severe laceration to her head. "I thought I was going to pass out. I'm still having trouble remembering exactly what happened," she said last Friday.

At the very same moment, Todd Alderton, a yearly Cape May vacationer from Upper Saddle River, was speaking with a World War II veteran on a nearby bench. He said the heroic tales the elderly gentleman told him could have been the catalyst for his following actions. Alderton heard the commotion and looked over only to see Reilly on the sitting on the ground.

"It didn't look bad at first, but I suddenly saw the blood start rushing down her head," he said.

Alderton, who works in sales, said he has no emergency training but immediately sprung into action. He



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Above, Susan Reilly and Todd Alderton, who came to her aid when she fell and cut her head while jogging on the Promenade near the Cove beach.

removed his T-shirt to put pressure on Reilly's head wound and attempted to stop the bleeding. Reilly said she does remember that particular part of the ordeal.

"I heard him yell at everyone to stay back and he started asking me questions - who I was, where I was, just to keep me conscious until the EMTs arrived," she said.

Firefighter/EMT Dave Jackson and Lt. Mike Eck of the Cape May Fire Department quickly arrived on scene, witnesses said. Jackson said Reilly's laceration looked to be about four inches long. He said nothing bleeds like the scalp, so she was extremely lucky to have so many people around to dial 911 and get her almost immediate medical attention.

"If it had to happen, it couldn't have happened at a more perfect time. There are usually a lot of people out on

the promenade at that time of the morning," he said.

Jackson said if Reilly had been sustained such an injury during the winter months, when so few people are in town or near Cove Beach, the incident could have played out much differently. Jackson and Eck transported Reilly to the Cape Regional Medical Center, where she received 26 staples and stitches to close her wound. She also sustained scrapes and a minor cut on her leg.

Although suffering a mild concussion, Reilly said she still felt the need to use her camera phone to take some pictures of her wound while riding in the ambulance to document the ordeal and show her friends. Reilly said even though it was a slightly chaotic situation, she had never felt so comfortable in the hands of complete strangers.

"I'm so grateful for Todd and what he did, the EMTs were just incredible and everyone at the hospital was great," she said. "I can't thank them enough."

On Aug. 23, Reilly and Alderton each brought their families out to Cove Beach and met at the pavilion. Reilly bought Alderton a Cape May T-shirt to replace the shirt he had used to help stop the bleeding on her head. The two planned to stay in touch and reconnect the next time they were both in the area and hope to make a tradition of getting their families together each summer in Cape May.

Reilly, who is a teacher from Wayne, Pa., said the experience would certainly make for an interesting story to tell her students and colleagues on her first day back to school.

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Sandman said Campbell has been discussing the matter with the LCMR Board of Education, and the result was the BOE is asking for the referendum in November.

"We know will be defeated," Sandman said, "but will be very interesting to see how many people in Cape May are

actually for this thing."

LCMR Board of Education Solicitor Peter Tourison said more people will turn out for the general election than for a special school election. He said people know how the issue is going to turn out and there is no sense dragging it out.

"Let's find out, and quick," Tourison said. "No one wants 13 years of litigation. That is nothing more than a lawyers' relief act."

Harry "Bud" Sundstrom, Cape May's representative to the school board voted to place the referendum on the

Nov. 5 ballot.

Sundstrom was appointed to the LCMR BOE in July to serve out Gary Gilbert's term.

"As far as referendum, I read it three times," Sundstrom said. "If anything they said was bad about city of Cape May, I would have voted against it."

Sundstrom said the referendum was something Cape May said they wanted, to ask the voters if they wished to allow Cape May to leave the regional district or dissolve it entirely.

"I went over it thoroughly before the vote...and it's a

non-binding referendum," Sundstrom said. "It's just putting the question to the people of Cape May. The school board is trying to figure out what the people want, other than (Councilman) Jack Wichterman and city council. That's the way I understood it."

Sundstrom said he did not believe the referendum would hurt Cape May, but he is concerned about how it might affect the school.

"Lower Cape May is my high school, my kids graduated from there, my wife is a school teacher there. I'm looking at the bigger picture of the whole thing, and frankly, the report from Cape May was scary for me and for children in Cape May," he said.

Sundstrom said he had tried to make that case with Cape May City Council, but in his words, they had made up their minds.

Sandman repeated a pre-

vious invitation for anyone form Cape May to come to Lower Township Council's next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 6 p.m. He said he has asked Campbell to prepare a presentation and give people the facts, not just the Lower Township story.

"I told him if there are weaknesses in our side, tell us," Sandman said, "but there is very little doubt in my mind we will win this battle."

Sandman repeated comments from the last township meeting, in which he said if the issue is played out over 10 or 14 years, as in the case with Seaside Park, you lose.

"The only way not to lose this game to withdraw or alter school funding is not to play," Sandman said.

He said there were 10 attorneys involved in the Seaside Park litigation. He said the resources used to fight this kind of battle should go to

other issues, including combating drugs in the schools.

He said from his personal experience, Lower Cape May Regional High School prepares students very well for college, and it educates a lot of people who work in Cape May.

"To spend ton of money to undermine the school is a bad fight," Sandman said. "How much money are you going to throw away for nothing? That is what you can pretty much expect in any of these cases."

Sandman said the North Haledon, held up as an example where the school funding formula for a regional school district was changed, is under review. Sandman said in the Seaside Park decision, the Appellate Division criticizes North Haledon decision.

Sandman also said Cape May is misrepresenting the issue by talking about how much they are paying per student.

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devastation. During the past 10 months, the governor and his cabinet members have been communicating and interacting almost daily with county and local elected officials to ensure that the health,

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