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Above, law enforcement personnel take part in a training exercise at the US Coast Guard Training Center-Cape May. Agencies from three counties and the federal government took part in the exercise.

## Multi-agency exercise held at Cape May training center

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
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CAPE MAY – It's a legitimate fear and it can happen anywhere, anytime. An armed individual stands among a crowd of people and suddenly begins firing, injuring and killing whom-ever happens to be in his or her sights, with no regard for human life or the traumatic effect on those who are unfortunate enough to witness the event.

The U.S. Coast Guard Training Center-Cape May wanted Cape May County to be prepared for such an occurrence and on Thursday, May 31, welcomed dozens of law enforcement agencies and emergency medical services to the base to take part in a simulated active shooter exercise.

Capt. Bill Kelly, commander of the Training Center said horrifying events like the ones that happened at Columbine High School, Virginia Tech and Fort Hood are a true threat and there is no place it can't happen. Kelly said it is important that a base like TRACEN knows what to do if something so tragic were ever to occur.

The scenario was that of a graduation ceremony, such as those held at the base nearly

every Friday of the year, in which a disgruntled former



recruit smuggles a weapon onto the base and opens fire during the ceremony killing and injuring dozens of victims.

"We bring in 500 to 600 family members and visitors every Friday. I think what we really provided ourselves with was a realistic scenario that our local, state and federal players can all assist us in and we're all going to

learn," Kelly said. "We're going to be better situated to communicate, better situated to know the resources each team has and I just think it's going to make our community stronger."

Kelly said the base has been planning this event for the past two years, teaming up with law enforcement agencies, the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and medical facilities around the area to come up with a simulation that would best prepare everyone for such an event.

"There're real world threats and dangers out there and one of the things they're doing here is to prepare to be part of the team that supports, defends, saves and shields our nation," he said. "I think they got a good taste of that today."

During the scenario played out on the parade field, where the ceremonies are typically held, recruits acted as the audience members and visitors to the base while another company of recruits acted as the graduating class, standing on the parade field in formation.

When the shooter fired, designated recruits fell to the ground as either injured or killed. Others were ordered

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## Ethics complaint is filed against Cape May mayor

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
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CAPE MAY – Three Cape May residents have filed an ethics complaint against Mayor Ed Mahaney with the state Department of Community Affairs regarding city contracts with Temple University.

In the complaint, Matthew Glenn, Charles Hendricks and Jim Testa say Mahaney did not disclose personal interests while procuring approvals for \$120,000

worth of city contracts with Temple and affiliates over the past three years. Testa said Mahaney holds several academic degrees from Temple and is listed on its "Honor Roll of Donors." The annual report of the Temple Owls athletics program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 indicates Mahaney was a "diamond level" donor

of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Testa said the mayor violated the state's Local Government Ethics Law by having the contracts adopted without disclosing he was involved in discussion for personal "naming rights" for

ations, but believes city council should have examined the negotiations more closely as the mayor seems to have had a personal agenda in the matter.

The complainants cite an Aug. 23, 2009 letter to Mahaney from Scott Koskoski, Associate Athletics Director for Development at Temple University, which was soliciting a \$1 million gift from the mayor. In return, Temple would grant him naming rights over

*'I won't be intimidated or framed for actions I did not commit.'*

– Mayor Ed Mahaney

a Temple sports facility at the same time.

Testa, an attorney and spokesman for the complainants, said neither the county nor city have an ethics board so they were forced to file their complaint in Trenton with the DCA. He said Mahaney has every right to be proud of his former university and to make dona-

a campus sports facility.

In the letter, Koskoski writes, "I would like you to consider how a \$1M commitment named in your parents' memory may be funded via a combination of your property/home value, a life insurance policy death benefit, and a cash gift over the next five

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## D-Day vet speaks on WWII

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
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CAPE MAY – Today marks the 68th anniversary of D-Day, the World War II invasion of Normandy, France. Although most people know the history of what occurred on June 6, 1944, it's the individual stories and accounts from each person who charged up those beaches that are vulnerable to being lost or forgotten.

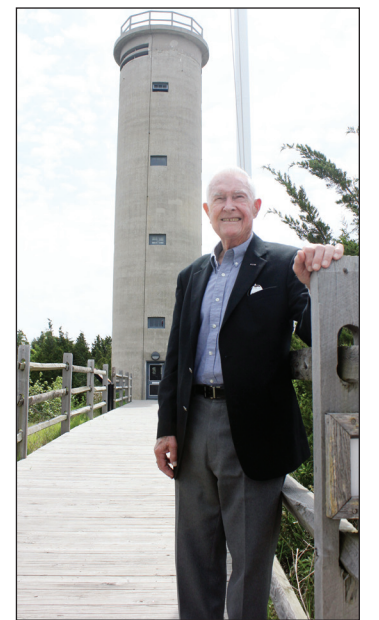
Most of the men and women involved in WWII have passed away, as they were never put down on paper, a vast majority of their memories and experiences from the war perished with them. Edward Kent, a summer resident of Cape May, made certain his memoirs of D-Day would live on and recorded them in a book titled, "My Great Adventure to Normandy and Back."

Kent, 88, wrote the book with the help of his daughter,

Carol Rose, who was the person who inspired him to create the WWII chronicle. Kent said he would always tell stories of his military experience at the dinner table to Rose, his wife, Carolyn, and his other daughter Sandy. Eventually Rose persuaded him to record his stories on a tape recorder she had bought him for his birthday. Using the audio on the recorder, Rose transcribed them into the book.

"She lives in Vermont, so we had to send the cassettes back and forth," Kent said. "I'm really glad I finally sat down to do it."

On Saturday, June 2, Kent spoke at the Cape May Lutheran Church about his D-Day experiences in honor of the anniversary. The forum was initiated by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities, which maintains the veterans memorial at the World War II



D-Day vet Edward Kent

Watchtower near Cape May Point, where Kent serves as a

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## Township busy with bee ordinance

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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LOWER TOWNSHIP – Township council agreed not to pass a new beekeeping ordinance until it had considered it a little longer.

Lower Township Council was scheduled to vote on Ordinance 2012-14, Monday, which would have established regulations for beekeeping in the township. The ordinance would have restricted keepers to one hive on a property under half an acre. Members of the Jersey Cape Beekeepers Association have expressed a desire to have Lower Township's ordinance follow state guidelines, since it would be the first municipality to codify beekeeping regulations.

The state guidelines would allow up to three hives on the same size lot.



Bees working on a honeycomb

Objections to the keeping of bees in residential neighborhoods stem mainly from a concern that people, children in particular, will be stung by bees. Some expressed con-

cern for those who are allergic to bee stings, who would be seriously affected by a bee sting. John Pirelli of Misty

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## Nero concert lost \$14,599

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
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CAPE MAY – City Manager Bruce MacLeod said the grand opening of Convention Hall featuring Peter Nero and the Philly Pops Orchestra was well received by the community and showed the city the type of events the facility is capable of hosting. However, the performance will cost \$14,599, as expenses for the concert exceeded the revenue.

The funding to make up for the loss will come out of the new Tourism Utility, said MacLeod. He said there were 496 tickets sold.

According to MacLeod, 417 tickets were sold at \$150 each, totaling \$62,500 for base ticket sales. He said 31 VIP tickets were sold, priced at \$250 for a total of \$7,750 and 12 sponsorships were sold, which included four tickets each, totaling \$12,000. The grand total was

\$82,300.

MacLeod said sponsorships brought in \$18,000, while commemorative program ads produced \$7,000, generating income of \$107,300.

MacLeod said there were around 20 complimentary tickets handed out. Mayor Ed Mahaney noted that city council members purchased their own tickets and helped sell tickets for the concert.

As for expenses, the contract with Nero and the Philly Pops was \$85,000 with a contract rider for refreshments costing \$868. A contract with Light Action, Inc., for stage lighting, sound and additional pieces of staging with a technical crew cost \$20,445 along with the rental of a grand piano for \$1,770.

MacLeod said mailings totaled \$1,125 for postage and \$550 for printing. Printing the program book cost \$4,215. The city spent \$2,570 on newspaper and

web ads while additional advertising on Philly.com and NewJersey.com totaled \$2,040. Sponsorship signage boards cost Cape May \$250.

He said the shuttle service from Cape May Elementary School to Convention Hall was \$250.

MacLeod said additional staff was needed for the event, such as seasonal police officers, Public Works Department members and Lower Cape May Regional high school students serving as ushers. He said additional staffing cost \$2,815 bringing the total amount of expenses to \$121,899.

"We all would have liked to have come out ahead but that didn't happen," MacLeod said at Monday's regular meeting. "We heard all good things about the grand opening and it gave us a high-end test for holding events in the building."

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