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## New Convention Hall had some insurance

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
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CAPE MAY – In a change from what was said at the Nov. 7 city council meeting, City Manager Bruce MacLeod said the new Convention Hall has had \$2.5 million worth of flood insurance since April through the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) and the Municipal Excess Liability (MEL).

On Nov. 7, MacLeod said the city did not have flood insurance on the facility but had an application under review for coverage, which would provide a maximum of \$500,000 coverage.

MacLeod was responding to spreading rumors that Convention Hall was denied flood insurance.

The city held a special meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 14, which opened with a closed session lasting around 75 minutes. Prior to the closed session, Mayor Ed Mahaney said he wanted to make it clear to the public

Convention Hall had some flood insurance prior to the arrival of Hurricane Sandy. The legality of the closed session was questioned by resident Charles Hendricks and former Cape May mayor Jerry Gaffney.

City Solicitor Tony Monzo said the closed session was justified because it was a legal matter. He said council was to discuss if local, state and federal codes were followed during construction of the facility. He said if those codes were not followed, it needed to be determined who was responsible.

Following the closed session, MacLeod said he met Nov. 7 and Nov. 9 with members from the Marsh and McLennan group, the city's risk management consultant. He said a representative from Harleysville Insurance was also present at the meeting.

MacLeod said despite Convention Hall being located in a 100-year flood zone

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## Christmas begins with a flick of the switch

CAPE MAY – Dr. Emlen Physick (Robert Heinly) prepares to throw the switch lighting the Christmas tree on the Physick Estate as Mary Stewart of MAC and Santa Claus look on. Cape May and surrounding communities have various Christmas activities planned this time of year. Keep a look out for events in your Community Events columns on page A4. See more photos on page A10.

## Cape May marketing director quits after one year

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
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CAPE MAY – The city is in the process of finding a new Director of Marketing, Communications and Event Sales.

Mike Whipple, who was hired for the position on Oct. 4, 2011, gave up the job in recent weeks. Whipple was unwilling to state his reasons for doing so.

"I want to remain very positive. We all believe in the same goal," he said of the city.

Whipple was responsible for promoting both

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Above, a Lower Township Police patrol car blocks Ellery Avenue near 15 Ellery Ave., the scene of a fatal shooting, Tuesday.

## Suspect in fatal shooting at large

VILLAS – Police are looking for a suspect after a Villas man was found shot to death in a home he was visiting on Ellery Avenue, Villas.

Cape May County Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor and Chief Brian Marker of the Lower Township Police Department issued a joint press release saying the LTPD was called to 15 Ellery Ave. at approximately 12:10 a.m., Tuesday morning.

When police arrived they found Chris Turner, 44, of nearby 36 Alexander Ave., had been shot and killed.

As a result of the investigation, law enforcement

believes Turner was a visitor at the residents when he was confronted by the suspect, identified as Bernard E. Green, also known as

"Peanut," a 30-year-old black male known to reside on East Pacific Avenue, Villas. Investigators believe the confrontation between Green and Turner escalated into a physical altercation resulting in Turner allegedly being shot multiple times by Green, after which Green fled the scene.

At this time investigators have issued numerous

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Bernard E. Green, in photo provided by the CMC Prosecutor's Office.

## Traveling across North America, couple pauses for Hurricane Sandy

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
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CAPE MAY – As if making a trip across the continent wasn't hard enough, David and Amy Freeman arrived in New Jersey by kayak after a two-and-a-half year journey just in time to experience the wrath of Hurricane Sandy.

On April 22, 2010 (Earth Day), the Freemans began a three-year, 11,700-mile long quest to spread wildlife awareness and protection called "The North American Odyssey." Traveling by kayak, canoe, dogsled and their own feet, the Minnesota couple has made their way from Seattle to Alaska, up to the Inuit Northwest of Canada, south to Michigan, east to Montreal and then continued south along the east coast. The two hope to reach their ultimate destination, Key West, Fla., in April 2013. David said they have made several extended stops, but will likely spend 27 of the 36 months travel-



Photo courtesy of the Freemans

Above, David and Amy Freeman on their North American Odyssey adventure – a three-year, 11,700-mile trip across the continent.

ing. When the Freemans arrived in New Jersey on Oct. 15, the two stayed with David's brother in Morristown for a short time where they attended a local

school to speak about their expedition. David said over 75,000 students and 2,400 teachers have been following their journey across North America. David said he and Amy visit around

50 elementary and middle schools per year on behalf of his organization "Wilderness Classroom," which he began in 2001. He said he started

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## After Sandy, emergency permits to be issued

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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LOWER TOWNSHIP – Township council gave its approval for about 400 feet of bulkhead to be constructed in dune area along Delaware Bay.

Engineer Vincent Orlando of Engineering Design Associates told council the state Department of Environmental Protection had already given preliminary approval to the proj-

ect, but it required a resolution from Lower Township Council before issuing the permit. The resolution, drafted at Monday's meeting, said council authorized the construction of the bulkhead.

Orlando said he was representing four property owners along Delaware Bay, whose property is being threatened by beach erosion, primarily after Hurricane Sandy. Orlando said all the homes were along Beachwood Avenue, terminating at

Rosewood Avenue.

Orlando said last year he appeared before council seeking approval to put in bulkhead to north of this project area. Last year's project was for three homes where the property owner feared their foundations were being compromised. In that case, Orlando said they came up with a design and DEP approved it on an emergency basis, pending council approval of the construction.

"Here we are requesting you to allow us to do the same thing for the next four homes to the south. The properties suffered extensive damage during the last storm event," Orlando said.

Orlando said fortunately the bulkhead built last year remained in place but sand in front of it washed away.

"Our clients would like to do the same exact thing. DEP will issue emergency permits for 400 feet of bulkhead, sub

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