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Szczur helps promote bone marrow registry

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
Cape May Star and Wave

ERMA - A Chicago Cubs draftee, NFL draft prospect and All-American baseball and football player at Villanova, Matt Szczur believes his most significant achievement was donating bone marrow donor last May to a 19-month old girl with juvenile leukemia.

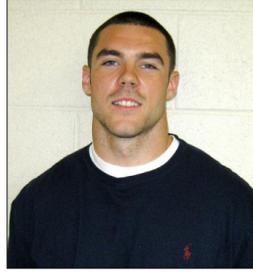
Szczur, 21, graduated from Lower Cape May Regional in 2007 and opted to attend Villanova considering it was the only school that would give him a scholarship for

football and also let him play baseball.

Spring semester of his freshman year, his football coach Andy Talley signed him up to be a donor. Last year, Szczur turned out to be a match for a little girl in need. According to Szczur, he missed 12 games because of the procedure, but not a single coach had a problem with it considering the cause.

"It was awesome to help," he said, "As a team we used to get others to register to. It's really a remarkable thing."

Szczur recalled his bone marrow donation nine



Matt Szczur

months ago and said at the time, he had no idea what to

expect.

"I was nervous," he said. "When it comes to a football or baseball game, you're prepared and ready, but not for something like that."

Looking back on it now, Szczur considers it to be the best and most important decision of his life.

"I think it helped my career more than anything," he said, "and I was given the opportunity to save a life."

According to Szczur, there is a privacy law signed before the actual donation procedure, which states the donor cannot meet the recipient for

at least a year. Therefore, he has not yet been able to meet the little girl he saved, but is looking forward to it now that May is right around the corner and it a year will have passed.

Donating bone marrow probably would have never crossed Szczur's mind if he hadn't attended Villanova and been signed up by his football coach. Szczur was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 38th round fresh out of high school, but decided to go to Villanova to see where

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LoBiondo kicks off science summit at the Grand Hotel

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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CAPE MAY - The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary held its fourth biennial Delaware Estuary Science and Environmental Summit at the Grand Hotel in order to convene scientists, educators, environmental groups and organizations and discuss the importance of the estuary.

The conference began Sunday night and will end today at 4:45 p.m. following an awards cer-



Congressman Frank A. LoBiondo

emony and closing remarks. According to science director Danielle Kreeger of the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, the event grows each time its held, and this year had nearly 300 pre-registered people attend the conference.

"It brings together different agencies, groups and people that normally don't interact," Kreeger said. "Most of these groups and agencies have their own conferences, but this brings

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Bay ice flow

Ice forms around the waters edge between the concrete ship and the jetty at Sunset Beach. In the background, the Cape May-Lewes Ferry makes its way towards Delaware, delivering cars and passengers to the other side of the bay.

Brain needs rest after concussion

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

SOMERS POINT - It's possible to suffer a concussion in most sports, but the likelihood varies.

According to Dr. Mark Harary, a board certified Sports Medicine Specialist, there is a fairly low chance of suffering a concussion with golf or bowling, but the risk is much higher in football, hockey, soccer, and, as odd as it might sound, cheerleading.

Perhaps not, when you consider how they are thrown in the air, which carries the risk of a hard landing.

Harary, who practices at Pace Orthopedics in Somers Point, said falls are just one way athletes can suffer a concussion - and they are not just caused by a blow to the head. Harary said an impact to the body, which results in a whiplash effect can result in a concussion.

Harary said in layman's terms a concussion is a bruise on the brain. He said it is generally con-

sidered a mild traumatic brain injury.

"It's a reversible injury that heals with time, but the amount of



time is very variable," he said.

Harary said often times a concussion occurs when the force of a blow or fall causes the brain to bang against the skull, but that doesn't have to happen for a concussion to occur.

Harary said it's important for

coaches, trainers, and parents to be able to recognize the symptoms of a concussion. He said in the past it wasn't considered a concussion if the person didn't black out. He said the cause is not aided by misinformation being disseminated on sports networks. He said he heard a report after New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning had his helmet knocked off and was struck on the chin. He said the sports network reported that an X-ray showed no sign of concussion.

"An X-ray won't show a concussion," Harary said. "That kind of reporting sets you back a little bit."

"Now it doesn't have to be from a hit to a head, or the person doesn't have to be knocked out cold. It can be the person is a little groggy, nauseous, sensitive to light and sound and blurry vision," Harary said.

The concussion may experience amnesia or retrograde amnesia,

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WCM now in used car business

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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WEST CAPE MAY - The Borough of West Cape May has gone into the used car business - at least temporarily.

The borough currently has three vehicles the board of commissioners hope to auction off, but are still trying to figure out a way in which to do it.

According to Commissioner Ramsey Geyer, the vehicles are the former fire police car, which is a Ford Crown Victoria, an old tanker truck used by the fire company and the former recycling truck - a 2.5-ton Ford F-500 stake



body.

Geyer said the fire police car runs great, but it would need brakes and bodywork to be a safe vehicle.

Mayor Pamela Kaithern said the

vehicles could have been auctioned in the Lower Township sale, but that township now has web-based auctions. Solicitor Frank Corrado said the board would need to pass a resolution in order to put the vehicles in an online auction.

There was also a suggestion to simply get rid of the vehicles and sell them as scrap metal and parts. "There is a procedure to get rid of them, but you have to at least try to auction it off first," Corrado said.

According to Corrado, the money made from the vehicles

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Theatre saga continues

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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CAPE MAY - After three years, the Cape May Zoning Board of Adjustments has gotten used to long, drawn out meetings regarding the Beach Theatre.

Zoning Board Chairman Arnie Pitman has opened the last two meetings dealing with the Frank Investments appeal hearing by saying the 6:30 p.m. meeting would conclude at 10 p.m. Pitman also advised members of the audience who wished to comment that the 5-minute limit would be strictly enforced.

However, no public comment was heard last week as attorneys battled back and forth over testimony regarding the condition of the Beach Theatre and the significance of its architect and builder.

The meeting resumed from where it left off in December, with architectural historian George Thomas being cross-examined by Michelle Donato, the attorney representing the Beach Theatre Foundation. Thomas authored a book first published in 1978 titled "Cape May: Queen of the Seaside Resorts."

Donato referred Thomas to a remark he made on page 42 of his

book, in which he said traditional property rights must be weighted against the good of the community. Donato, arguing for the Beach Theatre Foundation, has tried to convince the zoning board not to overturn the Historic Preservation Commission's denial of a partial demolition permit for the Beach Theatre. A demolition permit was granted for the Beach Theatre, while adjoining retail spaces were to remain. However, the applicant's engineer, Steve Filippone, testified the retail units would be replaced with new retail units. Filippone testified that the entrance to the Beach Theatre, and the adjoining stores, are at an elevation 8.3 feet above mean flood level. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires structures in the area to be 10 above the flood plain. He said the stores would be reconstructed with the first floor at 10 feet above flood level.

Filippone testified that the Beach Theatre is so far below the flood plain that it is actually taking on ground water. Filippone said he observed cracks in the block foundation and concrete floor where water is seeping in, accounting for mold to

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