

Citywide Sidewalk Sale, Thursday, Sept. 16 through Sunday, Sept. 19



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SEPTEMBER 2010 TIDE TABLE					
	HIGH		LOW		
	am	pm	am	pm	
9/16	3:15	3:45	9:01	10:04	
9/17	4:22	4:46	10:04	11:01	
9/18	5:20	5:38	11:02	11:49	
9/19	6:08	6:23	11:52		
9/20	6:50	7:04	12:30	12:37	
9/21	7:27	7:41	1:07	1:18	
9/22	8:03	8:17	1:40	1:57	
Last Quarter			9/1,30		
New Moon			9/8		
1st Quarter			9/15		
Full Moon			9/23		
Apogee			9/21		
Perigee			9/8		

King Neptune Bachelor Auction at the Rusty Nail, Sunday Sept. 19 5 to 8 p.m.

Lower Township council still talking trash

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

VILLAS - Lower Township Council has been talking trash for three meetings (held every two weeks) and they are still at it.

Six weeks ago council was given fee increases to consider, including charging for commercial trash pick up. The township presently picks up residential and commercial trash - not charging extra for businesses. However, the township is now considering

‘At the end of the road...the deficit we are carrying is huge.’
–Mayor Mike Beck, Lower Twp.

either assessing a fee for businesses or having them hire their own contractor.

Council was urged to consider raising fees relatively across the board but they have been hesitant to raise some fees as much as have been proposed - or at all. Last week council decided not to

raise sports related recreation fees by \$5 per sport.

Additionally, council has been cautious about slapping large increases on businesses citing the down economy. Council previously decided to remove commercial trash collection fees from the fee ordinance and handle them

separately.

The township, like every other municipality in New Jersey, is subject to a 2 percent cap on its levy. Its budget cannot be increased by more than 2 percent per year with some exceptions. According to Mayor Mike Beck, that requirement has left the township anticipating a \$900,000 to \$1 million shortfall in the 2011 budget.

Public Works Supervisor Gary Douglass proposed setting up a fee scale and charging businesses for trash pick

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Hand grenade found in West Cape May on Sept. 11 is a real dud

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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WEST CAPE MAY - The New Jersey State Police determined a hand grenade found during the clearing of some brush at 410 Fourth Ave. turned out to be unable to explode.

On Sept. 11 at around 9:13, Susan Hoffman and her husband Wayne were doing some work



Police and firemen waiting for the bomb disposal unit from Trenton.

near a home they are building. Wayne Hoffman said they had a bobcat operator drag a bucket with tines on it across the ground to clear a way brush and ivy growing in front of a shed they had erected. He said his wife spotted the grenade sticking half way out of the ground and first thought it

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Remembering 9/11

The U.S. flag flies from the flag pole at the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, where recruits took part in a Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony. **See more photos on page A12.**

Born in Cape May, Bud Swain is now 80

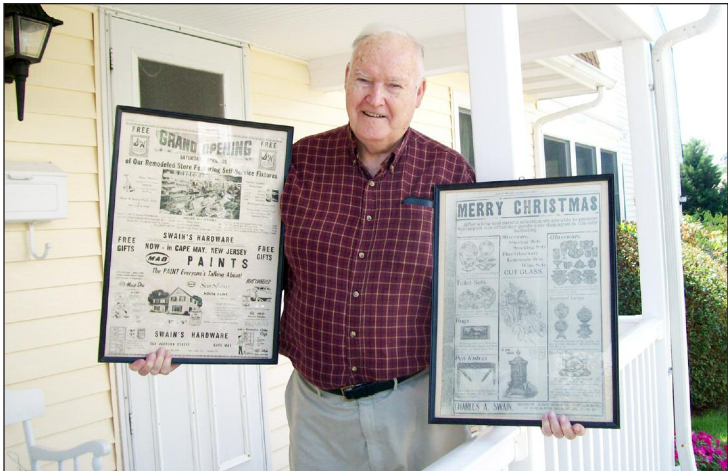
By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - A lot of people say they are from Cape May, but like his brother Robert, Charles A. Swain III, known to everyone as Bud, was really born in Cape May.

"The doctors made house calls then. I was born over the hardware store," Swain said.

He was delivered by Dr. Harold Hughes, on Aug. 2, 1930, a year after his brother was born.

Whether being born above the hardware got the business in his blood, or whether it was working there from age 10, Swain operated the hardware that bears his family name from 1964 until 2000, when his daughter Terri bought the business.



Bud Swain outside his home in Cape May holding framed Swain's Hardware ad from the Cape May Star and Wave, April 18, 1963, (left in photo) and an ad from the Star of the Cape dated Dec. 16, 1905.

Swain said he started out making 10 cents an hour by washing windows, sweeping the sidewalks and emptying

trash. A few months later his father, Charles A. Swain Jr., raised his pay to 25 cents an hour.

"I thought I was a millionaire," Swain said.

Swain also found that he liked the store, whereas Robert didn't.

"My brother worked at Shield's Bathhouse across from Steger's Beach between Perry and Jackson. He enjoyed that," Swain said.

Swain said as a child they had no television. He said it was a big thing to listen to the radio at night - shows like the "Lone Ranger" and "Inner Sanctum" that began with a squeaky door sound.

He said the family lived above the store, and they had one cast iron stove for cooking. It was also the only

source of heat in the five bedroom living area. The boys had to keep the coal supply stocked up.

"We slept under quilts and in the morning we jumped into our clothes," he said.

Swain said they later put in kerosene space heaters - one in the store and two in the house. He and Robert would again be responsible for bringing in the fuel for the stove. And while neither of the heaters were in their bedroom, they would leave their clothes in the heated room and put on warm clothes in the morning.

"That was a big thing," Swain said.

Swain said his father hired Pete Peterson to work in the

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A 'Lady' passing through

The 164-foot Lady M II docked at Two Mile Landing Marina this week for a short stay. Owned by Lord Michael Ashcroft, the Lady M II, whose homeport is Belize. was captained by a Delaware River pilot because of its size. According to dockmaster Glenn Heathcote, any ship over 500 tons must have a Delaware River pilot as an escort. The Lady M II is shown above left approaching the Middle Thorofare Bridge between Cape May and Wildwood Crest, center just before passing under the drawbridge, and right, as it prepares to dock.



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