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HIGH		LOW			
am	pm	am	pm		
4/22	2:40 3:33	9:09	9:18		
4/23	3:50 4:39	10:10	10:28		
4/24	4:56 5:38	11:06	11:31		
4/25	5:55 6:31	11:58			
4/26	6:50 7:21	12:30	12:47		
4/27	7:41 8:08	1:24	1:34		
4/28	8:30 8:54	2:15	2:20		
Full Moon		4/28			
Last Quarter		4/6			
New Moon		4/14			
1st Quarter		4/21			
Apogee		4/8			
Perigee		4/24			

### 2010 School Election April 20, 2010

#### Cape May County Unofficial Results

Question 1 LCM Reg  
- Yes 1,526 57.22%  
- No 1,141 42.78%  
Total 2,667 100.00%

Question 1 Cape May  
- Yes 162 52.22%  
- No 148 47.74%  
Total 310 100.00%

Question 1 CM Point  
- Yes 37 82.22%  
- No 8 17.78%  
Total 45 100.00%

Question 1 Lower Twp  
- Yes 1,328 59.29%  
- No 912 40.71%  
Total 2,240 100.00%

Question 1 West Cape May  
- Yes 80 53.33%  
- No 70 46.67%  
Total 150 100.00%

## FEMA sets up county Disaster Relief Center

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE – The Federal Emergency Management Agency has established a Disaster Relief Center (DRC) in the main library in an attempt to bring aid to flood-stricken homeowners in Cape May County.

Charles Powell, a public information officer with FEMA, said he is urging people not to hesitate to contact the DRC with questions about disaster relief.

"Most people don't deal with disasters on a regular basis, so we have people here from the Small Business Administration, the IRS .. there are a lot of things peo-

ple don't know about," he said. "It comes down to everything from mold to tax issues."

Residents of Cape May County have been granted a tax filing extension to May 11.

Powell said FEMA would not be in Cape May County if there were not a presidential declaration establishing Cape May County as a disaster area. The declaration was based on the amount of rain and flooding the area

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received.

Frank McCall, director of the county Emergency Management Communications Center, said this is the first time the area has had three presidential declarations in a three-month period.

"All three declarations received public assistance," McCall said.

This time, McCall said, FEMA took a hard look at the March 11-12 storm and is responding with public and

individual assistance. He said some people received checks in the first week after the declaration. Powell said as of April 13, \$4.1 million in federal funds had been appropriated statewide for disaster relief.

The DRC was set up to provide assistance to individual households, and specifically those who suffered flood damage from the March storm. Powell said people should visit the DRC, located in the basement of the main

library at 30 Mechanic St., Cape May Court House, and find out if they qualify for assistance. He said there must be a household, and renters also qualify.

"A lot of people are not aware they can get federal assistance," Powell said.

Powell said mold and mildew would be one of the biggest problems stemming from the flooding, as well as a health hazard. He said the mold must be totally dry before it can be eradicated, or it will continue to be a problem, perhaps causing respiratory illness.

George Lamperez, a mitigation specialist with FEMA, said often people can take

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## Convention Hall will be rebid at end of April

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – After rejecting all the bids from contractors for building a new Convention Hall, the city anticipates advertising new bids by the end of this month.

On April 6, city council voted to reject all 11 bids it received for the project. Voters approved a bond for \$10.5 million to reconstruct Convention Hall, and the lowest bid to come in was \$10.1 million. However, that would only leave \$400,000 for everything else necessary to complete the project.

"Eleven bids were received and the prices received were greater than the available money under the bond ordinance," City Manager Bruce MacLeod said. "The low bid for the base price for building was \$10.1 million. That would have paid for the building."

MacLeod said the bids included three separate and distinct prices: the building, the improvements to the promenade, and the geothermal. MacLeod said the bond ordinance must cover the cost for moving the project 24 feet toward Beach Avenue, based on stipulations of the CAFRA permit.

The promenade has to be redesigned and reconstructed to go around Convention Hall. MacLeod said the bids varied between lesser and higher costs on the three elements of the bid package, and

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David Nahan  
Cape May Star and Wave

### All that jazz!

Cape Mat Jazz Festival headliners Sypro Gyra and Shemekia Copeland were just two of the powerful acts that made this spring Jazz Festival one to remember. Above, Julio Fernandez, Scott Ambush and Jay Beckenstein bring it all together on the Lower Cape May Regional High School stage. At right, Shemekia Copeland, daughter of blues guitarist Johnny Clyde Copeland, carries on the musical tradition with her powerful vocals stylings. The Jazz Festival was kicked off on Friday night and continued through Sunday afternoon. See more photos on page A10 and A12.



## Libraries oppose governor's cuts

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN  
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Librarians across the state are opposing Gov. Chris Christie's proposal for cutting 74 percent of state funding for libraries, which could impact services and programs and possibly force smaller libraries to close.

According to information submitted by Cape May County Library Director Deborah Poillon, if the cuts go through, 250 of New Jersey's 302 libraries would lose Internet access, 130 libraries would lose e-mail service, 124 libraries would lose their websites. Access to electronic databases such as

RefUSA and EBSCO, which allows access to magazine articles, could also be in jeopardy.

In addition, the statewide interlibrary loan and delivery program, which enables patrons to request rare books not found in their local libraries, could also be eliminated.

The Talking Book and Braille Center, known as the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, could also close.

Patricia Tumulty, executive director of the New Jersey Library Association, said three state library programs – the New Jersey Library Network, Virtual Library

Program and New Jersey Knowledge Initiative – would be eliminated.

According to Tumulty, the New Jersey Library Network aid decreased from \$4.2 million to zero, Virtual Library Program was \$1.1 million to zero and New Jersey Knowledge Initiative decreased from \$1.4 million to zero.

Per capita state aid that provides direct support to local libraries has been cut in half. Tumulty said per capita state library aid decreased from \$7.1 million to \$3 million, a 49 percent change.

"Whatever libraries received last year they're going to receive 50 percent

less in state aid. That is the only program that we have left," Tumulty said.

Total aid decreased from \$14 million at the end of FY2010 to \$3.6 million.

"This is a very significant cut. Most people are expecting this to be a difficult budget, but our programs have been virtually eliminated. It is a very dire cut," Tumulty.

County library systems are funded through county taxpayers. Tumulty said county libraries share resources with all libraries throughout the state, particularly in the southern New Jersey region.

If books aren't available in

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## Crusty filchers cut Salty Knits

CAPE MAY – Some crusty curmedgeons allegedly came on private property and cut down yarn decorations apparently placed there by a group known as Salty Knits.

Katie Panamarenko said someone removed decorative yarn wrapped around tree limbs and fence posts at her place of business, High Grounds, on West Perry Street. Panamarenko said she had a funny feeling about people putting the yarn there, but for someone to come onto her property and cut it down made her feel violated.

Panamarenko said she filed a police report after discovering the incident April 16.

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