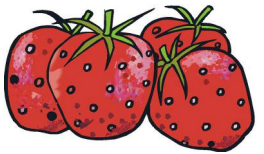
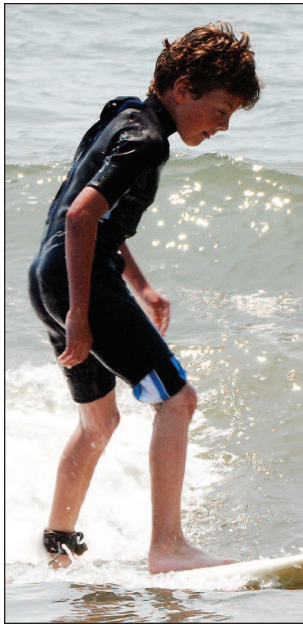


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Undaunted, ECM group files second petition

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – A group trying to get a referendum to block the installation of parking meters has filed a new petition after the municipal clerk rescinded her certification of the first one.

On May 18, City Clerk Diane Wheldon announced she was rescinding her certification of the petition for referendum because one of the members of the petition, Jeannie Testa, was not registered to vote in Cape May at the time the petition was initiated. Testa registered to vote

‘Just because the city is caught up in hyper-technicalities, we don’t feel we have to be.’

–Jim Testa, FAN ECM

erendum because one of the members of the petition, Jeannie Testa, was not registered to vote in Cape May at the time the petition was initiated. Testa registered to vote

prior to the May 11 municipal election.

Jim Testa, who is not a voter, but is a property owner, has been acting as a spokesman for the group.

“We did not relish having to do the recirculation, but we avoided the complication of having the judge rehear the matter on whether the rescission was valid,” he said.

Rather than get hung up in those details, the group took 10 days, got more signatures and collected 221 signatures on their petition. Testa said they approached as many of the same signers as possible and by Friday, May 21, were able to get the 221. He said that number included about 80 or 90 new ones.

“If you look at the scope of

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Prosecutor will charge all those who steal water

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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WEST CAPE MAY – Cape May County Prosecutor Robert Taylor showed up unexpected at the May 26 commissioners meeting in West Cape May, offering to help prosecute anyone discovered to be stealing water.

“I basically went to offer the help of the Cape May County Prosecutor’s Office if in fact there has been a theft of water,” Taylor said.

Taylor said he understands there is an engineering survey going on in the borough and said if the results show water theft, the facts would be provided to his office.

“I expect Borough Solicitor Frank Corrado to get back to me if it turns out through investigation there is theft going on as opposed to improper reading of meters,” Taylor said.

Taylor said he has offered county detectives, working with the Cape May Police Department, to investigate suspected cases of water theft. He said if theft is found, he would charge the perpetrators with theft and seek restitution. Taylor would not

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Memorial Day in Cape May

Seaman (E-3) Nicole Stoffel, from Orlando, Fla., plays taps as the ceremonial boat of flowers is launched from the Cape May beach – an annual tradition on Memorial Day. See more photos on page A12.

Two vie for 3rd Ward seat in Lower Township

Douglass: now is not the time for novice

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP – Ward 3 Councilman Glenn Douglass said these are tough economic times – times when people don’t want to put the governing of the county in the hands of a political novice.

Douglass was elected to Lower Township Council in 2006, and later ran for mayor in 2008, hoping to

replace fellow Republican Walt Craig. Instead, independent Republican Mike Beck was elected.

In 2006 Douglass, who this year is facing Brian McEwing in the primary, beat out Arthur “Stig” Blomkvist in the primary before defeating Democrat Harvey Roach in the general election. And although Douglass unseated an incumbent Republican in the 2006 primary, he believes the situation in 2010 calls for experience.

“I feel we (council) are working

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McEwing says it’s all about the taxes

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP – Republican town council challenger Brian McEwing said he enjoys campaigning, meeting people and hearing what the issues are.

According to McEwing, the top three concerns of voters are: 1. Taxes, 2. Taxes, and 3. Taxes.

“Folks like the (2010) zero tax

increase, but can that be sustained for years? We should do some forward looking as well.”

McEwing, who is facing Glenn Douglass in the Republican primary, said while the governor has been talking about a 2.5 percent cap on 2011 budgets, this council used a “fair amount” of its reserve for uncollected taxes in 2010 budget.

“Council put us in a little bit of a box,” he said. “That should give everyone pause. Zero percent may be wonderful this year, but next year not

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Lafayette School Class of 1960 plans 50th reunion

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – In 1960, 31 students graduated eighth grade at the old Lafayette Street School. Most of them went on to Cape May High School for a brief time before the opening of Lower Cape May Regional High School. After high school, many of them remained in the area, not moving farther than adjoining counties. However, some moved as far as the Pacific coast.

When one member of that class, Walter “Terry” Wright, started thinking about it, he realized 2010 was the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1960’s graduation from the Lafayette Street School.

“I started planning a reunion around the end of last year, and I managed to track down quite a few of the classmates,” Wright said.

Wright said most of the former classmates were enthusi-



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The Class of 1960, Lafayette Street School graduation photo: Front Row (Left to Right): Rebecca (Vance) Wilson, William Permar, Nathaniel Williams, Perry Collier, Shirley (Hickman) Stefanovicz, Susan (Smith) Morse, Donna Moore, Rosetta (Johnson) Bettea, Edward Howard, Charles Flamer. Middle Row (Left to Right): Shelley Swinger, Susan (Parker) Breon, Ronald Wernik, Patricia Kinsey, Cheryl Matthews, Richard Wernik, Lorraine Carr, Juanita (Gray) Battle, Gerald Kelly. Back Row (Left to Right): Dale Diedrich, Donald Landis, Walter Wright, Paula (Major) McNair, Richard Buck*, John Keller, Dewey Vasser, Leonard Briscoe, Lee Mathias, Richard Perfrement, Reed Flickenger, William Robson.

astic about getting together for picnic reunion, planned for the Cape May County Park on Sunday, June 20. Wright said there are just a few classmates he has not been able to reach and is hoping some readers can help find them.

“Most of the classmates still live in the general area,” he said.

Others, like Wright, moved out of the area. He didn’t attend high school locally, but instead attended the George School near Newtown, Pa. His family moved away in 1970, and he has been living in Brooklyn for the past 10 years.

“I have been in Cape May for many years,” he said.

Since he lost contact with many of those in the Class of 1960, he went to the Internet and started typing in names.

“I started Googling people, trying to track them down in the Internet. The first person I contacted was Lee Mathias.

He gave me contact information for other people,” Wright said.

Eventually he got some of the married names of some of the women in the class and that helped him locate others. Wright said there were a couple he thought they should have been able to locate – Richard Buck and Charlie Flamer – but never could.

“The most difficult to track down were the kids from the Coast Guard families,” he said.

He said he found two guys on the west coast, both of whom said Wright was the first classmate they had contact with since they moved away in 1960.

Wright said he followed every lead but it took some time to reach many people.

“Eventually, I found most of them,” Wright said.

Wright said he was surprised to learn that six of the

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