

# Kills

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another five or six years. The present Convention Hall is a festering sore casting a repugnant shadow on the future of our town," he said.

Murray said the process of designing and building a scaled down Convention Hall had to begin now.

Councilwoman Deanna Fiocca, who cast the third no vote, said Wichterman and Murray had already said what she wanted to say. She said this was probably the most important vote she would cast in her four-year term and she believed the voters wanted her to make the vote – not leave it up to a referendum.

"I'm not going to shirk my duties, and I don't run from problems. I've made my decision," she said.

After the meeting, Fiocca said her voter turned on the

lack of a projection of operating costs.

Mahaney said the concern over the size of the project was misplaced. He said the

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However some groups, which are composed mainly of property owners opposed the larger hall. The Cape May Taxpayers Association, which last Friday held a meeting on the Convention Hall project, opposed the additional funding largely because the city had no projections on what it would cost to operate the facility. Beth Davidson-Hyde, representing the Cottagers Association, said the majority of their membership opposed the bond ordinance for the same reasons as the TPA.

Jerry France, who said he had a discussion with the executive director of the Wildwood Convention Hall, said outlined the costs of that facility, saying half of its \$5.8 million budget is funded by taxpayers. He said the operating cost of the proposed Convention Hall would be incredible.

"It's going to lose a couple

hundred thousand dollars a year. Who's going to pay that and how?" he asked.

Other points concerning the loss of the Solarium or compromising the seawall because moot as council defeated the bond ordinance.

City Solicitor Anthony Monzo said if the bond ordinance was defeated, as it later was, the ordinance could be revisited by voter initiative. Similar to a referendum, voters who support the proposed facility could initiate a petition to put the matter on a public ballot. No group has yet announced they would initiate such an effort.

The defeat of the \$3.15 million bond ordinance also puts in question the future of a proposed Tourism Authority and a marketing plan being developed by Temple University based on the current design.

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– Mayor Edward J. Mahaney Jr.

current design would allow the same kind of community activities residents came to expect, but at the same time could attract paying customers who would allow the operation to be solvent.

"This is part of a complex marketing plan. A smaller building would not give you the same options," he said.

ers would end up paying for the operation of the hall, the cost would be borne by a yet to be established Tourism Utility.

Mahaney said choosing to fund the project as designed represented a once in a lifetime opportunity to move forward in the area of tourism, while not putting the burden

cut back services or some positions, you know why."

The later part of Mahaney's comments met with a few groans from the audience, but Mahaney said Cape May's 10.5 month economy was now down to eight months. He said if it fell to six months the tax burden would be on the property owners.

# Free

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something on which there is case law; something upheld by the Supreme Court.

Sheehan said Corrado argued a case in Pleasantville where some people were protesting during a visit by President George W. Bush. Police took away some of the protestors' signs and the city ended up being sued and have to pay lawyers fees, etc.

"Sometimes people get bent out of shape because of the message," Sheehan said, "but as long as they are not accosting people they have the right to protest."

Asked about the Hitler moustache, Mallory said it was a reference to Obama's health care policy.

"It's the same as the British policy, which was based on Hitler's policy, which said we're spending too much on health care, so we'll prioritize. We'll not give priority to the useless eaters," she claimed.

Mallory said Hitler's T-4 program called for the extermination of the handicapped, sick, and aged as "useless eaters."

LaRouche literature refers to a paper co-written in 1998 by Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel,

brother of Obama's chief of staff Rahm Emanuel, titled "What are the Potential Cost Savings from Legalizing Physician-Assisted Suicide?" Emanuel's co-author Margaret Pabst Battin is not a physician, but has degrees in philosophy and fiction-writing, and has written a number of articles on euthanasia.

The LaRouche supporters assert the president is pushing the same kind of program that was kept secret from the German people during Hitler's era, even though the assertion has been widely discredited.

"That's the British system, and Obama said we're going with the British system," Mallory said.

Asked about negative remarks being directed at the pair, Mallory said it was anti-American to get in the way of free speech.

"If we destroy someone else's rights to free speech. Ultimately we destroy our own," she said.

The LaRouche supporters, representing the LaRouche Political Action Committee, set up their table on the sidewalk outside the post office on Washington Street. The LaRouche Political Action Committee is a not-for-profit

political action committee registered with the Federal Election Commission, and associated with Lyndon LaRouche, who since 1976 has been a perpetual candidate for president of the United States, running once as a U.S. Labor Party candidate and seven times as a candidate for the Democratic Party nomination.

LaRouche was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment in 1988 for conspiracy to commit mail fraud and tax code violations, and continued his political activities from behind bars until his release in 1994 on parole.

LaRouche is also a political activist and the founder of several political organizations known collectively as the LaRouche movement. He is the founder and contributing editor of the Executive Intelligence Review and has written creatively on economic, scientific, and political topics, as well as on history, philosophy, and psychoanalysis. LaRouche's supporters see him as a political leader in the tradition of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Martin Luther King, while other commentators regard him variously as a cult leader, a fascist, or an anti-Semite.

Outside the post office, volunteers of the LaRouche Political Action Committee were asking passersby to reinstate the Glass-Steagall Act

as well as asking for the impeachment of President Obama.

"The Glass-Steagall Act was what President (Franklin) Roosevelt set up in 1933 and was the law of the land for 66 years," Billington said.

Billington said he and other volunteers have taken their message all over the United States.

"The Act basically says no bailout for these fat cats on Wall Street. You got two things. You got commercial banks, which are regulated and protected by the government. Then you have investment bankers, who start off with other people's money. They take gambles with the money and when they win, they put all the money in their pockets. When they lose, they come to the tax payers saying, 'You got to bail us out,' \$25 trillion from tax payer money and Federal Reserve money, has been used to bail out Wall Street," he said.

When asked why impeach Obama, Billington claimed the president did everything he could to sabotage Glass-Steagall. He then explained to any who would listen how Sen. John McCain, who's a Republican and Sen. Maria Cantwell, a Democrat, were working together to reimpose Glass-Steagall.

"Then Obama did everything he could to sabotage with the Finance Reform Bill

they ran through. There's no protection for the little people," Billington said.

Billington mentioned U.S. Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts as another official who he said needs to be run out of office, but he did not elaborate as to why or how Frank was involved in the "sabotaging" of Glass-Steagall.

Billington and Mallory were also handing out literature including articles with pictures of Obama wearing the infamous Hitler moustache. The pair also handed out articles about the current health care system with President Obama giving a speech while surrounded by members of the Nazi Party circa 1939.

Billington said how being outside the post office was a great way to meet people and ask them to give their names and phone numbers so the LaRouche Political Action Committee can get back in touch with them and ask for a contribution.

"Some people are talking to us some aren't," Billington said. "We update our website three or four times a day. We encourage people to go our website and get our analysis of what's going on in the world."

Besides being against the Finance Reform Bill, Billington said the LaRouche Political Action Committee is in favor of universal health

care, going back to the Moon and on to the planet Mars.

"The spin-off technologies from the space program are tremendous. Man has a moral obligation to colonize the whole galaxy and to spread life everywhere. It is a moral imperative. Life is good. Man makes mistakes. We correct the mistakes and move forward," Billington said.

When she wasn't telling people how she was only "waiting for a friend to come out of the post office," Mallory was standing by the table of literature explaining to pedestrians the views of LaRouche Political Action Committee.

"Instead of bailing out these international speculators and crooks, we should stop the bailouts, separate the commercial banks from the investment houses, and put America to work building high speed rails, nuclear power plants and repair our water systems and bridges, she said.

While the protest was going on, a person riding a bicycle starting circling on Washington Street calling out, "Re-Elect George Bush."

Before he could be asked if he was part of the LaRouche Political Action Committee, or if he meant for the 41st or 43rd president, the cyclist rode away.

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