Bezaire stripped of liaison roles on City Council

House of the Week

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OCEAN CITY — A new position on the Ocean City Beach Patrol this summer didn’t come as a directive from above, but rather was created by a pair of working life- guards who believed their fellow guards needed something more than just a port and training throughout the summer.

The RTO position — Resource and Training Officer — was created by the child of Lieutenant Hol- ley and sometime employee of the Beach Pat- roll, Samantha Vanderlice.

“Really I just literally sat down during May at a patrol meeting and proposed the idea of this position of the RTO,” Vanderlice said. “This isn’t something Allan Kurz came up with or anything. There has always been an improvement we need to make in order to do this as an awesome job of work. We had tremendous support from Allan and Mark [Ja- minson, OCP—operations chief] and Matt [Garbutt], who was named captain of the patrol two years ago. We couldn’t do any more support of the RTO position and our mission.”

The support came in the wake of a turbulent offsea- son for the beach patrol. An anonymous Instagram post called “OCP predators” sprung up in the summer, against the background of a violent, profane behavior — sexist and racist. The 2020 beach patrol gained back several of these allegations with apologies to several beach patrols beyond Ocean City, another an above and beyond.

In the wake of the season’s culture among certain patrols was a big change over the years.

In 1973, Major Joe Gillian called to plan an in- vestigation, here Kurz to oversee the patrol and to hire a labor attorney to handle the legal implica- tions and meet with female guard to get their recom- mendations on policy.

Logan and Vander- slice are guards and guards Vanderlice said the had good experience during their decade on the beach patrol but was aware of what hadn’t been good and with a growing number of non-English speakers.

Vanderlice explained the “dance” would be anything from building relationships, establishing offering bathroom services, water, blankets, or being a resource really that’s mobile. Checking on the... See RTO, page B3

Rising with the tide

More women lifeguards taking leadership roles on patrols across southern New Jersey

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OCEAN CITY — Historically, life- guarding has been a male-dominated profession, but times are changing.

More and more women have been taking on leadership roles on beach patrols across southern New Jersey after serving for years protecting ocean-goers and working their way up the ranks.

They serve as role- models, not only for the young women learning the trade and guarding the beaches, many of them still in high school, but for the young men as well, demonstrating that it is competency in a job crucial for resource communication along the coast is not bound by gender.

“I kind of feel like for a lot of us, we just wanted to prove ourselves. Some of us, it’s just been a hard time. Just show everyone we were just as capable, and we could do it. I felt like as could I,” said Kristen Moseley, a senior guard and former lieutenant on the Cape May Point Beach Patrol.

“I feel like it’s a great way for us to prove that, she said. “There’s been a general shift in the patrol in the last maybe five years, I think along with the youth and girls are coming into the patrol, they’re a little more open-minded. Which is excellent, obviously.”

“I personally have had an incredi- ble experience once my rookie year in 2019, which is why I keep coming back,” said the 2020 Ocean City Beach Patrol Lt. Samantha Vanderlice, a Beach Plum Farm grows over 100 kinds of fruits and vegetables as well as chickens, eggs, and Berkshire Hogs. To learn more about Beach Plum Farm, visit BeachPlumFarm.com.

Beach Plum Farm’s Executive Chef, Chris Garrison, serves up fresh ingredients from Beach Plum Farm "We’re all about serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s National Historic Landmark City, serving America’s 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