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## **Beach injury** study to start in the spring

By JACK FICHTER Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — City Manager Bruce MacLeod said he took part in a conference call Sept. 20 that included representatives from Cape Regional Medical Center, Mayor Edward Mahaney, Fire Chief Alex Coulter, Dr. Paul Cowan of the emergency medicine department at Beebe Medical Center in Lewes, Del., and Kim McKenna, director of sponsored programs at Stockton University's Coastal Research Center.

MacLeod noted McKenna participated in a beach injury study in Delaware before joining the staff of the Coastal Research Center. He said the purpose of the conference call was to discuss the participation of Cape Regional Medical Center's participation in a beach safety study program in Cape May County.

Most of the beaches from Sea Isle City down to Cape May Point generally transport injured

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### Police nab 3 in robbery at **Crest Savings**

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE - County Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor and Chief William Mastriana of the Lower Township Police Department announced the arrests Sept. 26 of three Lower Township resident in connection with a bank robbery.

On Feb. 25, a ma a mask and hooded sweatshirt robbed Crest Savings Bank at 3306 Bayshore Road in North Cape at gunpoint. The male demanded money and fled from the bank, running east into the wooded area across from the bank. A subsequent investigation was conducted by the county Prosecutor's Office and Lower Township Police Department.

On Sept. 23, members of the county Prosecutor's Office arrested Joseph P. McCarraher Jr. of Villas. He was charged with robbery, possession of a firearm for an unlawful purpose, certain

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Anna's Bananas, a rowing team raising money to support cystic fibrosis research, launches into Cape May Harbor on Sept. 24 with help from U.S. Coast Guard recruits during the fifth annual Cape May Dragon Boat Festival. The team won the Best Drummer award.

# Smoke on the water

Choppy seas for Cape May Dragon Boat Festival

CAPE MAY — Under gray skies and paddling into a stiff head wind, participants in the 5th annual Cape May Dragon Boat Festival kept a smile on their faces as their hard work raised money for a number of charities.

Dragon boats were launched from the beach behind the Fisherman's Memorial into Cape May Harbor on a straight 200-meter course. Teams set up tents along Missouri Avenue to promote their charities.

The grand champion team received a trophy of a dragon boat. There were also trophies and prizes for best decorated tent, best costumes, best team chant or song, best team spirit and least wet.

2016 winners were: Grand Champion — Philadelphia Police Dragon Boat Team

1st Place BCS — Hope in

the Boat 1st Place Women's -



Deborah McGuire/Special to the STAR AND WAVE The Bates team representing the Cape May Animal Shelter had a good time with its western theme.

1st Place Community/ Cape May Dragon Boat Club — Dynamic Paddlers 2nd Place Community/ Club — How Bout It

3rd Place Community/ Club — Stray Cats

Best Cheer — River Si-

Best Drummer — Anna's

ing Cancer

Best Spirit — Amy's Army Best Tent, 1st Place Cape Regional Caregivers **Conquering Cancer** 

Best Tent, 2nd Place -Witches of East Greenwich Least Wet — Cape Regional Caregivers Conquer-

# City delays acting on lawsuit of gay ex-cop

By JACK FICHTER Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — City Council took no action last week on a proposed settlement with gay former Cape May Police Officer Steven Pascal. The matter was scheduled for a closed-session discussion at a Sept. 20 council meeting but following a closed session, council took no action.

According to court documents, Pascal would receive \$369,000 from the city for "emotional distress, physical pain and loss of enjoyment of life." In his suit against the city, Pascal, "an openly gay officer," was subjected to anti-gay slurs from members of the public beginning in 2002 when he was hired by the city that continued until Pascal was suspended without pay in 2012.

Pascal's suit stated that once members of upper management were put on notice that one of its employees was being subjected to discrimination by certain individuals who are members of the public, the city is liable to the plaintiff for all damages if it does not take the appropriate remedial action.

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## Monzo rejects Meier's claims of harassment

By JACK FICHTER Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — Councilman Shaine Meier claims he was "harassed, abused, threatened and coerced" into changing his vote to appoint a new police chief during a closed session meet-

ing Aug. 15.
At a Sept. 20 City Council meeting, City Solicitor Tony Monzo was allotted time to make a statement. He said what he read and heard during the past couple of weeks was very disturbing and he felt obligated to address it.

"I say this with no anger or disrespect toward anyone but I just need to say this because when false things are said and placed in the newspaper, there's an injustice that needs to

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#### Fill up falls short

Cape May got permission to move sand at Cove Beach to fill in the ponds that formed this summer but came up short. See story, A3.

## Carol Stone, jazz festival co-founder, dies at 87

CAPE MAY — Carol A. Stone, and lived Stone, 87, passed away in Blue Bell, Pa., peacefully with her family at her side Sept. 23 in her divorced in 1979 home in Cape May.

Born in Hamburg, N.Y., to Otto Kronenberg and Ethel Shultz, she was the youngest of two children. She was very close to her brother, John Kronenberg.

Stone graduated from Weston High School in 1946 and married Clement A. Stone in 1952 in Boston, Mass. They had three children: Clement A. Stone, Carolyn A. Stone and the youngest, Catherine (Katie)

and Carol moved to Germantown, Pa. She remained there until 1987 when she and Wilmer "Woody" Woodland moved to Cape May, where they resided

happily together

for her remaining

Stone graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bryn Mawr



**STONE** 

policy and community organizing in 1979 and worked at Planned Parenthood in Philadelphia for two years. She later became a Philadelphia travel agent for about seven years.

degree in social

Once she moved to Cape May, she and Woodland's

love for jazz inspired them to found the Friends of Cape May Jazz Inc. in January 1994. A

transformed the Cape May Jazz Festival into quite an amazing event in Cape May year after year. She and Woodland had a strong love for jazz and jazz musicians, and ran these festivals twice a year. Each year, the festival grew and drew a loyal audience for 16 years.

The festival offered top jazz artists from Spyro Gyra to Maynard Ferguson who often retired to Carol Stone's living room for the afterparty around the grand piano. Up-and-coming art-

College with a master's lot of love and hard work See Carol Stone, Page A5



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