

Boats

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includes Cold Spring Fisheries (Lobster House), Lunds' Fisheries, Atlantic Cape Fisheries, Snows, and Dock Street Fisheries. "My understanding is the association is very anxious in helping the community in getting this problem taken care of. It's a hazard," Rhonda Jackson, representing the Seafood Association said. According to Jackson, at low tide a person could walk out to the burned-out boat. This has been a concern because the Nature Center's children's programs begin in April. "Kid's will be drawn to that," Jackson said. Besides providing equipment and manpower, Risko said SeaTow would also be absorbing some of the costs, but they would try to recover some of the expenses through civil court, if need be. He said

left on their own, the owners would never do anything to remove the derelict boats and it would be some time before the proposed legislation kicks in. Assembly Bill A-3767 officially died with the start of the new legislative session, Jan. 7. Former Assemblyman and current State Sen. Jeff Van Drew promised to work hard to see a new bill pass in the new session. Van Drew has been working on the passage of a bill that would give municipalities the authority to remove abandoned or sunken vessels and recover the costs from owners, who would also be subject to possible fines or jail time. Jackson said the Cape May Seafood Association was very active in helping draft legislation and has been working with lobbies in Trenton in hopes of getting the legisla-

tion passed. However, Risko said some sort of action has to be taken now. "If not, Harborfest will come and it will be another season with the boats still there," he said. Risko said the sailboat with the mast has probably been abandoned for nearly five years. He said he had been in contact with the owner about salvaging the boat, and learned the boat was insured. He said the insurance company was supposed to take ownership of the boat and salvage it, but the owners never followed with the paperwork. According to Risko, the insurance company paid the claim but left ownership in the policyholder's name. Risko said they raised one boat with the assistance of the U.S. Coast Guard, which was concerned with the removal



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This boat was abandoned in front of the Nature Center in the Cape May Harbor after a fire last year.

of pollutants off the vessel. However, he said the Coast Guard fund does not pay for removal of vessels, only the pollutants. The boat later sunk again. Risko said the

owners claimed the boat was sold in its current condition. Risko said the plan is to transport the boats to the county landfill. He said Cifaloglio Waste Services had

offered to donate roll-off cans to put waste in, and they were going to ask the county for landfill space.

Malcolm Fraser

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while not started when he was in office, was completed during his administration. In addition, he said all the roads were rebuilt. "My first year in office we had \$8,000 worth of potholes," he said. "We worked with the DOT and I told them I wanted to build roads that

would last. Oil and stone over sand was ridiculous." He said eventually all 7.3 miles of roads in the borough were reconstructed with an 8-inch roadbed with 4-inch Macadam top. "We haven't had a pothole since," he said. Potholes aside, Fraser said

it's now time for him to give up the post he held for 16 years. "There comes a time when you have to step aside and let someone else have their day in the sun. I've achieved basically what I've wanted to achieve," he said. Fraser said the Army Corps

has asked the commission that Fraser continue to work as a liaison between the borough and the corps on the beach project. The three-member commission is up for reelection in May. Each commission serves as a department head for either revenue and

finance, public works, or public safety. Fraser said the position of commissioner requires a lot of time and energy. "You'd better want to work or forget about it," he said. He also advises whoever eventually wins the commission seat he is vacating to

plan carefully in whatever they do. "One of the things I've learned early in business is you have to plan your work ahead very carefully, look for things that might change, plan and do the best you can do, and watch every step of the way," he said.

Coast Guard

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Gehrke said once the bus service is discontinued, there would potentially be 100 extra cars going to and from the school twice a day dropping off or picking up students. However, she added, not all the families have an extra vehicle to use to drop off the kids. In addition, there are single parents who cannot get away from duty to drop off or pick up their children. And, Gehrke said car-pooling is a difficult issue, especially when picking up the kids. "Is the school going to make

sure the kids get in the right car?" she asked. Gehrke said the bus issue was just dropped on the parents' doorsteps and they are seeking help in finding funding or some solution to the busing issue. City manager Lou Corea said he received a call from Stosz, who asked for a meeting to clarify the situation for the city. Although the busing of students is a board of education issue, Corea said he contacted Congressman Frank LoBiondo's office to see if he was aware of the sit-

uation. Corea said a representative from LoBiondo's office said they were aware and were trying to find a solution, but said it was improbable anything could be resolved before the start of the next school year. "The determination was made by the JAG (judge advocate general) office in Washington," Corea said. "Apparently the funding can not be used for non- military applications and they cannot award another contract for busing." Gehrke said the Coast

Guard had been funding the busing for the last 14 years. She said Coast Guard children, which make up 80 percent of the student population at Cape May City School, may have to walk about two miles each way to school in all kinds of weather. She said most parents are concerned about their children possibly having to cross Pittsburgh Avenue, which is a 40 m.p.h. zone. Gehrke also highlighted other potential hazards to children including the pond at the Kiwanis park on Madison Avenue, and danger

of sexual predators potentially targeting the children. Gehrke said there were nine convicted sex offenders living within two miles of the school, but Corea said he did not believe that was accurate. An online visit to the New Jersey Sex Offender Registry could not confirm Gehrke's statement. However, city council and the mayor expressed sympathy for the Coast Guard families, and promised to help in any way they could. "It's a shame the Coast Guard is not funding their

own children," Mayor Jerry Indervies said. Deputy Mayor Niels Favre said people fought to keep the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May and they should now work hard to find a solution to the busing issue. "We have an obligation to help these young people," he said.

Mall

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ahead and did what we had to and the town was better off for it." "There are always people who object when you are doing what you think is the right thing. But all indications

were we needed something to revitalize the town," he said. "Prior to mall downtown looked like high noon...like Gary Cooper was going to step out at any minute." Referring to recent conflict

over the present mall revitalization project, Gauvry said, "I'm amazed they are getting started because they are having so many roadblocks. There is so much dissention over what they want to do.

But you have to do what you think is best for the community. The mall proved that," he said. Gauvry said when his administration created the mall there was federal grant money for the project, specifically to put in new water and

sewer lines. When the opening day came in June 1971, people were lined up to visit the new mall. The Coast Guard Band played and the ribbon was cut despite there being some things not quite finished. "Not everything was com-

plete, but we had to open for the summer," Gauvry said. At that time, Labor Day was the end of the season. He said once the mall was completed, tour buses started coming into town and the merchants stayed open after Labor Day.

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