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Environmentalists repeat call to end spraying

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – Representatives from environmental groups gathered in Cape May, Tuesday, to renew their call to stop the spraying of glyphosate as a means of controlling non-native vegetation such as phragmites.

Cape May resident Barbara Skinner hosted a meeting/press conference to again raise the issue of the potential risks of glyphosate to kill phragmites in the Lower Cape May Meadows, citing dangers to the environment and the water supply.

Glyphosate, which some claim is linked to cancer and other illnesses in humans and pets, is marketed to homeowners under the product name "Roundup."

Skinner said she called the conference after a recent release of information from the Rachel Carson Foundation.

"Ruth (Fisher) and I worked two years ago to get the spraying stopped at Cape May Point. They wanted to aerial release glyphosate all over the east meadows. There has been a lot of information about glyphosate and it seems the people of Cape May County are ill-informed," Skinner said.

Skinner said the British medical journal The Lancet recently announced pandemic effects of glyphosate on children and neurotoxicity. Skinner also cited information recently provided by Diana Post VMD from the Rachel Carson Council in Maryland.

"It is something to be very, very concerned about because we have been told glyphosate is safe. It is not safe," Skinner said. "The U.S. government cannot make the assertion that it is not toxic. This is the same sort of situation we had with DDT."

Vincent Pellegrino, a World War II veteran and a resident of First Avenue in West Cape May said at least seven people whose homes faced the meadows contracted cancer he believes was caused by DDT spraying. Pellegrino said he was also diagnosed with cancer.

"I'm the seventh or eighth person in that row of homes. In the 17 homes behind us, no one in those 17 homes has been diagnosed with cancer," he said.

Pellegrino said those who were diagnosed with cancer lived in that area during the 1950s and 1960s when DDT was sprayed on the Lower Cape Meadows.

"My wife has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, which we know is pesticide related and three months ago I was diagnosed with cancer myself," he said.

Now Pellegrino is concerned glyphosate will have the same effect. Reading from a government fact sheet put out by the

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Pellegrino said "there is not enough information available at this time to determine whether glyphosate causes cancer. That tells the whole story right there doesn't it?" he said.

Fisher, who said she was attending the meeting primarily as a board member of the Rachel Carson Council, said the council and the New Jersey Environmental Federation have

taken a position against the continued spraying of glyphosate.

"It is not just the Cape May Meadows," she said. "Glyphosate is used everywhere. The lawns of Stone Harbor and other shore communities are loaded with it. And nobody has studied the synergistic effect of malathion, DDT, glyphosate, and what may be added to the Delaware Bay."

Fisher was referring to plans to dump, treated VX nerve gas into

the Delaware Bay.

"Nobody can say what harm this (glyphosate) will have, and there shouldn't be promises by Rutgers and others to OK the nerve gas dilution into the Delaware as well," she said.

Fisher said its now up to the government to look at new information on glyphosate and to do something about its use.

Jessie Weeks representing the Cape May Environmental

Commission commended Cape May City Council for enacting a resolution opposing the aerial spraying of glyphosate. She said the council stopped short of passing a similar resolution opposing ground spraying of glyphosate in the meadows because it was outside the city limits.

"They did not feel in their jurisdiction to ask for banning of land

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Dressing up for the holidays

With the approach of the official City of Cape May tree lighting ceremony and the 41st annual West Cape May Christmas Parade, merchants on the Washington Street Mall, like Steve Protasi, bottom left, and city employees are decorating the town. Cape May is known for its abundance of excellent Christmas shopping.

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WCFA-FMLP now 'live' at 101.5

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
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CAPE MAY – With the cut of a ribbon, Cape May's new low-power radio station went live Tuesday, broadcasting from the Center For Community Arts on Lafayette Street.

Actually, the station has been on the air with recorded music and pre-recorded announcements for several weeks, but as of Tuesday there were live, on-air personalities at the control panel.

"It has been in the test mode with prerecorded announcements and music for the last week or so," CCA executive director Steve Bacher said, "but from today there are live announcements."

As the weeks go on, live programming will be added as the CCA and the radio station continues to reach out to community groups and other non-profits to establish programming.

"In '07 the plan is to broaden the type of music that is on the air as well as get into actual community programming," David Mackenzie member of the radio advisory committee said. "It is a community radio station, not just a music station."

"We will be reaching out to many groups in the lower cape to provide programming, coming up with ideas for programming, program evaluation...what you will hear is a lot different than what you hear today," he said.

At 100 watts, WCFA-FMLP is a "low power" FM station and is required to carry the "LP" designation. Typical commercial radio stations broadcast at between 3,000 and 6,000 watts. WCFA should be received in a

five to 10 mile radius. The station's antenna is mounted on the water tower in Wildwood Crest.

"When we first put in application there was another antenna site pencilled in," Bacher said, "but five years later was not available."

Bacher said radio station project manager Drew Butkocj looked all over before locating

the water tower site.

"One of the reasons we are standing here today is because Mayor Troiano (Wildwood Mayor Ernie Troiano) paved the way to put our antenna on the Wildwood Crest Water Tower, which is controlled by the Wildwood water utility," Bacher

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The Center for Community Arts cut the ribbon Tuesday officially opening their new radio station. Pictured left to right are Becky Wilson, Cape May Mayor Jerome Inderwies, Ernie Triano, Drew Butkocj and Steve Bacher.

Science bus discovers Teitelman

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
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ERMA – It was a case for CSI-Teitelman, last week, as students from the middle school helped solve a mystery using forensic crime scene techniques employed by the experts.

About 60 students from the science classes of Shelly Vogeley and Anna Shustack took part in a science exercise conducted by students from Rutgers University. The exercise was part of a program developed to bring a mobile laboratory and science demonstration center to schools around New Jersey. The "Rutgers Science Explorer Bus" arrived at the Teitelman school last week to show students how experts use skeletons to help identify bodies long after the recognizable features are gone.

"They were teaching us how to identify bones and about the human body," said Bryan Diebag, an eighth grade student at Teitelman. "It was a real cool experience."

Diebag said he watches the CSI television programs, but never really understood how they were able to identify a person just from bone sections.

"They look at the shape, the size...male bones are generally bigger," Diebag said.

They can identify a person's race from the bones or even if they were right or left handed.

Did the presentation inspire Diebag to consider studying forensic science in college?

"Yeah," he said.

Dr. Kathleen Scott, the director of Explorer program, said that is the whole purpose of the program – to instill an interest in the sciences and hopefully guide

some of them towards a career as a scientist.

"To at least get them to think of science as a possible career, to believe "This is something I can do," Scott said.

Vogeley said she attended the New Jersey Science Conference and attended a workshop on the Rutgers Science Explorer Bus.

"This really caught my attention," she said. "And when they

told the kids they would open a box of skulls they were all over that. Not since there were cupcakes have I seen such enthusiasm."

"And this (the Skeleton Detectives) seemed so cool. Little did I know they would have a skull roll up on our beach," she said.

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Anchor Bowl champions!

Lower Cape May Regional's football team celebrates its second consecutive win over Middle Township. For more, see Page **B1**.