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LoBiondo declines to debate Shober

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN
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Republican Congressman Frank LoBiondo declined to debate his Democratic opponent Cassandra Shober at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's candidates forum.

In August the William Hughes Center for Public Policy invited candidates to the college to debate. No date was set for the event.

"We really wanted him (LoBiondo) to have a debate. We thought that the congressman would take the democratic process seriously and understand that the people of the district need a debate," said Shober campaign coordinator Frank Mahoney.

He said Shober accepted the invitation to debate, but as of now, no debates are scheduled between the two congressional candidates.

"We know of other places that were interested (in holding debates), and have not contacted him (LoBiondo) because he did not contact the Hughes Center," Mahoney said.

Mahoney said he doesn't know if both candidates will participate in the county's League of Women Voters' candidates forum.

"We think that he doesn't want to debate because he doesn't want to answer the questions why the Second Congressional District is doing so poorly," Mahoney said.

LoBiondo is running for his ninth congressional term this year.

LoBiondo's campaign manager, Ron Filan, said in a

statement the congressman has always been accessible to residents throughout the district.

"He meets with various local groups, can be seen at numerous community events across the entire district, and responds personally to many calls that come into his offices."

"South Jersey residents know Frank LoBiondo, they know his positions on the critical issues facing our region and country, and know he is fighting for them," Filan said.

Filan said various organizations published comparisons of the candidates' positions on critical issues. He said he expects media outlets and "neutral third parties" will also make these comparisons readily accessible to voters.

"Frank LoBiondo is proud to have the support of job creators and workers such as the National Federation of Independent Business and the South Jersey Building Trades, and will continue to engage all voters in a diverse and multi-faceted way while remaining focused on bringing additional job opportunities to South Jersey," Filan said. "The other candidates running for Congress are running their campaigns as they see fit and the voters will ultimately judge who is best to represent them in Congress."

Interviewed earlier this year, LoBiondo said he would debate Shober, if her candidacy is "serious." In the past, some Democratic congressional candidates chose not to run formal campaigns.



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Run For the Fallen

Above, a flag lowering ceremony was held at Sunset Beach on Thursday, Sept. 27, on the eve of the Run For the Fallen, which was established to honor American service members who died in Iraq and Afghanistan. Above the flag lowered in the ceremony was the casket flag of Fred Donnell. Below right is a flag honoring the fallen. Below left is a poem "We Remember Them," read by Eileen Kreis at the remembrance ceremony. **See more photos on page A10.**

We Remember Them

In the rising of the sun and its going down,
 We Remember Them.
 In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
 We Remember Them.
 In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,
 We Remember Them.
 In the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,
 We Remember Them.
 In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
 We Remember Them.
 In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
 We Remember Them.
 When we are weary and in need of strength,
 We Remember Them.
 When we are lost and sick of heart,
 We Remember Them.
 When we have joys and special celebrations we yearn to share,
 We Remember Them.
 So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are part of us,
 We Remember Them.



Dogs and owners are discussed at council meeting

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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LOWER TOWNSHIP - A handful of township residents spoke at Monday's Lower Township Council Meeting saying they were upset by dog owners not controlling and picking up after their dogs.

Anna Mae Combs described the situation of dogs on the township beaches as horrendous.

"This is not just in the summer but year round," she said.

Combs recommended there be a designated animal area where others would not have to encounter dogs or their waste.

"We are entitled to a people beach, but it has become an animal beach. I walked there today and passed four piles. We should not have to confront this," she said.

Township Manager Mike Voll said the police have been down to the beach and Animal Control, which is an office of the police department, has been visiting the beach on weekends. However, he said the problem is not dogs - it's people.

"People are rude, and ignorant, and if they can't clean up after their dog imagine what they do with their children," he said.

Mayor Mike Beck said the problem with creating a designated area is the dog owners don't care, and they will continue to allow their dogs to run free and not clean up after them.

Voll said council authorized the township to provide plastic bags at the

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Letter from solicitor questions permits

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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WEST CAPE MAY - The West Cape May Board of Commissioners passed a resolution directing Borough Solicitor Frank Corrado to write a letter to the County Agricultural Development Board (CADB) regarding permits received by Willow Creek Winery.

The decision was made following a closed session meeting. Nearly a dozen Stevens Street residents neighboring the winery wrote a letter in July, asking the borough to conduct an investigation and determine if Willow Creek had all the proper permits it needed to operate.

Willow Creek Winery has yet to open, but recently received a temporary certificate of occupancy

(TCO), which is valid for 60 days, Corrado said. Stevens Street resident Bob Myers addressed his concern of the winery obtaining the TCO during public comment, prior to the closed session. Myers said it was crucial the borough determine if Willow Creek Winery has all its permits before it receives a permanent certificate of occupancy.

In Corrado's letter to the CADB, he asks for proof of permits from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), state Department of Transportation (DOT) and the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDDES).

According to Corrado, the initial county review memorandum on the winery

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West Cape May noise ordinance under scrutiny

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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WEST CAPE MAY - The Board of Commissioners tabled the adoption of its new noise ordinance after residents addressed concerns and suggested alterations at the Sept. 26 regular meeting.

The borough has been making changes to its ordinance and plans to submit it to the state for approval once adopted. West Cape May's current noise ordinance is not state approved, which can lead to potential enforcement issues. The borough modeled the

new ordinance closely on the state's noise control statute to ensure approval. Borough Solicitor Frank Corrado said the borough's ordinance can be more restrictive than the state's version, but not less restrictive.

During public comment, Jim Labrusciano of Myrtle Avenue said the new ordinance did not have a section regarding loading and unloading at commercial businesses, which is included in the current noise ordinance. Labrusciano said he has dealt with excessive late night noise in the past at

the nearby CVS Pharmacy. Corrado said the new ordinance encompasses all noise violations.

"It prohibits all noise disturbances, including noise disturbances made by loading and unloading," Corrado said. "It says you can't make unreasonably loud noise between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. They can load and unload during those hours, but they can't make unreasonably loud noise."

Labrusciano said the new ordinance should be more specific in certain sections, especially regarding com-

mercial loading and unloading. Mayor Pam Kaithern said using the state's "cleaner version," is preferable because adding language would create more questions.

"This says exactly what it needs to say," Kaithern said. "What the state already endorses - you can't argue that."

John Rowley of Emerald Avenue agreed with Labrusciano and said including a section from the current ordinance in the new ordinance should not be an issue.

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