

Heat, humidity expected to stay for next six days

By CAITLIN DINEEN
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The sticky, sweat-inducing heat will continue throughout the next six days as weather experts forecasted no break in humidity for another week.

"It is very humid and, unfortunately, it looks like it will stay that way into next week," Carl Erickson, senior meteorologist for Accu-

Weather, said Thursday.

Erickson said temperatures in South Jersey for the ongoing heat wave, which started Wednesday, ranged from the mid- to upper 90s in the inland, western portions of the region. Coastal temperatures were about 10 degrees cooler.

Temperatures will continue to climb this weekend along the coast as western winds carry the heat to

the shore. Although temperatures are not likely to break records recorded at Atlantic City International Airport — today's record high was 99 degrees in 1957 — the combination of the heat and humidity may be dangerous.

"The problem with this heat wave is this humidity. It has been really high, extraordinarily high," Erickson said. "The temperatures and humid-

ity combined make it a dangerous combination."

If there is any chance of record-breaking heat, it could happen Saturday, Erickson said, as forecasts predict temperatures in the upper 90s — about 98 degrees with a "real feel" of 110 degrees. The record, set in 1991, is 100 degrees, he said.

Erickson said area residents could expect a thunderstorm Sunday night

into Monday, but that will not give any relief because the humidity will remain high.

As temperatures continue to soar, visitors and employees on the Atlantic City Boardwalk on Thursday said they are doing whatever they can to stay cool.

Amanda Hill, of Lodi, Bergen

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HONORING COLLINGS LAKES BOY'S MEMORY



Alice Resier, mother of Joey Reiser, who died of a rare type of cancer, stands where her brothers John Heckmann, of Maple Shade, and Dave Heckmann, of Bellmawr, work Wednesday on Joey's Pavilion at the playground of the Collings Lakes Elementary School in Buena Vista Township.

Volunteers building pavilion at grade school playground

By LEE PROCIDA
Staff Writer

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP — All 11-year-old Joey Reiser wanted was a playground at his elementary school in Collings Lakes, and he constantly collected pennies to fund it — until he was diagnosed with a rare, fatal cancer.

"He came here from treatment and saw them constructing it, but he never got to play on it," his mother, Alice Reiser, said as she stood Wednesday afternoon in the playground dedicated to her son.

Joey Reiser died 10 days before his 12th birthday in 1998, a year after being diagnosed with gamma delta t-cell lymphoma, a generally uncommon and

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incurable disease.

In 2000, his parents, Alice and John, and other family and friends formed the Friends of Joey foundation. Donations to the foundation fund parties for children in the oncology clinic at St. Christopher's, give college scholarships to high school graduates looking to help others, fund cancer research and assist

other families dealing with the disease.

On Saturday morning, a group of volunteers and contractors donating their time and expertise will build an addition to the playground: a pavilion to be used by students at recess and by teachers as an outdoor classroom.

"To think about this all being done by donations ... that's the amazing part," said Collings Lakes Elementary School Principal Dan Benedetto.

Benedetto last saw Joey the day he returned from chemotherapy treatment and visited the under-construction playground.

□ See Pavilion, C3

FAA needs Senate OK to run past midnight

■ About 650 employees will be furloughed at the William J. Hughes Technical Center.

By JENNIFER BOGDAN
Staff Writer

If the Senate fails to pass a bill reauthorizing funding for the Federal Aviation Administration by midnight, nearly 650 workers at the William J. Hughes Technical Center will

be temporarily out of work.

A bill to extend FAA operations through Sept. 16 was approved Wednesday in the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 243-177, mostly along party lines.

Without Senate approval, 4,000 FAA employees — 16 percent of whom work at the Egg Harbor Township facility — will be furloughed. The shutdown would also affect the

implementation of the NextGen Air Traffic Control System, U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said during a conference call Thursday.

"Many of the employees who are going to be furloughed Friday are people who are working on NextGen — either on the research side of it or on the implementation side of it," LaHood said. "That will be dis-

continued while they're furloughed."

Those affected would lose their health benefits after 30 days out of work. If the reauthorization is not passed, \$44.7 million in FAA projects throughout the state would be delayed.

LaHood said he was not prepared to discuss which aspects of NextGen research would be

□ See FAA, C2

Somers Point residents feel under siege by drug offices

■ City officials are still waiting for state officials to address their concerns about the offices operating on a mostly residential street.

By ROB SPAHR
Staff Writer

SOMERS POINT — Five months after City Council members requested a meeting with the director of the state Division of Addiction Services to address concerns about a methadone clinic operating on a mostly residential street, they are still waiting for a response.

Now, the opening of a drug-counseling office just a block away from the clinic has nearby residents fearing little is being done to protect their quality of life.

Since opening in the Point Commons office complex at Bethel Road and West Cedar Avenue about 10 years ago, the methadone clinic — currently operated by Addiction Recovery Services — has been often scrutinized publicly.

"These facilities attract a very high volume of patients. And it is a rough crowd that is loud, vulgar and inconsiderate," West Cedar Avenue resident Bill Leventon said. "We don't object to the need for a clinic like this in Somers Point. But it has to be in a proper location, not right next to people's homes."

After an 89-year-old woman was brutally attacked and sexually assaulted in her West Cedar Avenue home last August — an incident not believed to be related to

□ See Offices, C4

Galloway to get gentleman's club

By CAITLIN DINEEN
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GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP — A gentleman's club is coming to Galloway Township.

The club — which has no name yet — will be located at the site of the Vienna Inn, 920 W. White Horse Pike, and will not be like any other strip club in the area, officials connected with the project said.

□ See Club, C4

Brigantine vendors can keep ringing bells

■ Ice cream sellers will not be subject to a beach noise ordinance.

By STEVEN LEMONGELLO
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Bells will be ringing once again for ice cream on Brigantine's beaches, and the vendors who ring the bells may be allowed to take their treats out on the beach starting next summer.

City Council decided at Wednesday night's meeting

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Quaker City String Band bringing its crazy, fun sound to Sea Isle

The Quaker City String Band encompasses more than just music. Fans in Philadelphia and South Jersey love it.

From its crazy, colorful costumes, to its unique choreography, this Band strives to entertain people of any age. Providing a jazzy pop big-band sound that includes banjos, guitars and brass, The Quaker City String Band is bringing the show to Sea Isle City on Saturday.

The band will perform 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Bandshell at Excursion Park, JFK Boulevard and Pleasure Avenue, Sea Isle City. 609-263-8687.

Today

■ **7 to 9 p.m.** The Shakes, Tony Canale Park Amphitheater, off Dogwood Avenue, Egg Harbor Township. 609-272-8120 or ehtgov.org

■ **7 to 9 p.m.** Edgardo Cintron with Dane Anthony, William Morrow Municipal Beach, Higbee and New Jersey avenues, Somers Point. 609-927-2053, ext. 3101.

■ **7 p.m.** Seven Mile Singers, Veterans Plaza, 21st Street and Dune Drive, Avalon. avalonboro.org

■ **8 p.m.** U.S. Coast Guard Band, Bandstand,

Lafayette Street, Cape May. 609-884-9565 or capemayrecreation.org

Saturday

■ **Noon to 3 p.m.** Hydeaway, 30th Street Beach, Avalon. avalonboro.org

■ **7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** Another Tequila Sunrise (Eagles Tribute Band), Centennial Park, Fern Road and Ocean Avenue, Wildwood Crest. 609-523-0202 or visitwildwoodcrest.com

■ **7 p.m.** Dennis Anderson with Burley Thomas, Municipal Dock, Bay Avenue, Barnegat. 609-698-0080, ext. 122 or 130

■ **8 p.m.** Congress Street Brass Band, Bandstand, Lafayette Street Cape May. 609-884-9565 or capemayrecreation.org

■ **8 p.m.** The Passion, Lou Booth Amphitheatre, Second and Ocean avenues, North Wildwood. 609-522-7722 or northwildwood.com

Sunday

■ **Noon to 3 p.m.** Howard Isaacson, 30th Street Beach, Avalon. avalonboro.org

■ **1 p.m.** Gene Iannette, Frog Rock Golf &

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