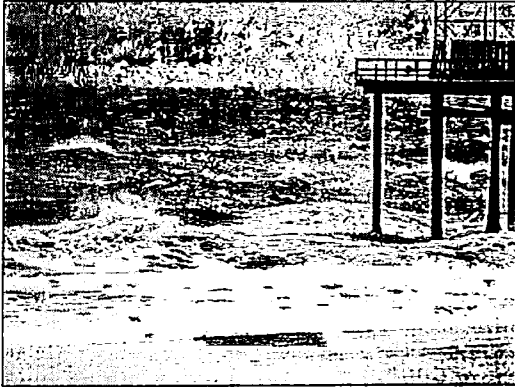


BERYL, CLOSEST TROPICAL STORM TO OCEAN COUNTY SINCE '04's CHARLIE

Beryl, which is the tail end of a very frontal storm from the North Atlantic, paralleled the Jersey Coast on Tuesday, bringing some wind to Ocean County. It is the closest storm since August 2004, when a very heavy Category Four Hurricane Charley hit the Jersey Shore can affect us. Charley was much larger and stronger than the Great Atlantic Storm of 1944, which passed off the Jersey Coast in a similar way to Beryl, but as a Category One hurricane, bringing 100 mile per hour winds and a legendary storm surge to the shore.



The accuweather.com satellite image from Tropical Storm Beryl as it passed off the Jersey Coast, Thursday July 18, 2006.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY MARKS BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION ON NEW EDUCATION FACILITY AT JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Gov. Jon P. Kelly, third in line to succeed Governor Corbett, joined with Ocean County officials and members in a ceremony marking the construction of a new juvenile detention center at the site of the old detention center. Replacing the old center, the new 8,900 square-foot facility will include classrooms, a library, a gymnasium and other facilities. Attending the ceremony were Ronald Kelly, County Executive, County Attorney, County Administrator, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Board of Education, County Board of Health, County Board of Social Services, County Board of Supervisors, County Board of Taxation, County Board of Transportation, County Board of Utilities, County Board of Veterans Affairs, County Board of Zoning and Planning, County Board of Education, County Board of Health, County Board of Social Services, County Board of Supervisors, County Board of Taxation, County Board of Transportation, County Board of Utilities, County Board of Veterans Affairs, County Board of Zoning and Planning.



Gerald Bowden, Program Director, Ocean County Juvenile Services Department and Jill Perez, Director, Ocean County Human Services Department. Robert Coughlin, Director, Ocean County Juvenile Services Department.

PETE FLIES WITH BLACKSHEEP SQUADRON AS PART OF OCEAN COUNTY'S WATER SAFETY DAY



Pete Smith, SSH Councilwoman Joyce Camera, SSH Mayor Ken Hershey, Roden Lightbody, and SHPD Chief Tommy Boyd are among those seen at Ocean County's Water Safety Day 2006, in Seaside Heights.

By Pete Smith

Ocean County Water Safety Day had a special twist in 2006. Not only had the event changed locales to Hierarchy Avenue and The Boardwalk in Seaside Heights, but this year, Gazette reporter Pete Smith was an embedded journalist with the Ocean County Blacksheep Squadron, a group of volunteer pilots that patrol the county. The Blacksheep Squadron works closely with Station 44, The Seaside Heights Volunteer Fire Department SCUBA team, assisting with searches during submersion calls. This relationship is possible because of Seaside Heights native, and local attorney Chris Vaz, who is a member of Station 44 and also a pilot with the Blacksheep Squadron. During the calls involving the squadron, Chris operates the radio from the ground, and his fellow pilots communicate with him from the sky. This year, Chris asked Pete if he would be willing to go along with the Blacksheep Squadron, and of course the

answer was yes, as Pete is not afraid to try new things and share them with loyal Gazette readers. Pete flew with pilot Ken Maxwell, taking off from Robert J. Miller Airport in Berkeley Township. Pete was flown all over Water Safety Day in Seaside Heights, and over all of Ocean County, as far down south as Barnegat Light, passing Old Barney himself. After landing safely, Pete returned to Water Safety Day, which was organized again this year by Roden Lightbody of the Ocean County Office of Traffic and Engineering. To capture the special events, Pete produced another video that is now available for the public to view on the popular website www.youtube.com. A direct link to the video is: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzfTgihwIA>. You can view all of Pete's videos by going to his youtube.com "channel", which can be directly accessed at: www.youtube.com/profile?user=jackbuster



Pete was an embedded journalist with the Ocean County Blacksheep Squadron on Water Safety Day 2006, and a video of the special occasion is now available for public view at the following web address: www.youtube.com

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