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A crackdown has begun in Myrtle Beach, S.C., on weddings on the beach. Couples desperate for a beach wedding will have to move it outside city limits or get someone to marry them for free.

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enough write-in votes to run in November after failing to capture spots on the ballot from Republican voters.

To win a write-in campaign, municipal candidates needed at least 10 votes. If, for instance, two people got more than that, but there is only one spot open on the fall ballot for that race, the person with the most write-ins wins.

It's also not a given that people who won enough write-in votes will run in November. According to the board of elections, candidates still have to accept the write-in nominations by filing various forms, although they aren't required to change their party registrations.

French said she's still deciding whether to accept the Democratic votes and run in November.

"I'd like to talk to the good people who made the write-in possible first," she said.

French said she wasn't surprised to get so many write-in votes — according to unofficial results, she got 212 — because Buckingham's board isn't "fiercely politically inclined."

She figures that may have hurt her when she went before GOP voters in the primary, which was won by Republican Jon Forest.

"It seemed unlikely they would give me the nod," she said of her party. "I have not necessarily hewed to everything the

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Master of the cube: Teen has the answer

Quinn Lewis, a junior at CB West, makes solving Rubik's cube seem like child's play.

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What has 43 quintillion possible positions but only one that solves the puzzle?

For countless people, mastering the Rubik's cube, with its unfathomable number of arrangements is as frustrating an exercise as you can find. You turn, you twist, you turn again. You scream.

Not Quinn Lewis. The Central Bucks West High School junior finds the cube, which measure 3 inches cubed, an intriguing challenge. A challenge that just won him the honor of being the second-fastest speedcubing champion in the world.

The 16-year-old spent Saturday in New York City at his first competition matching his cubing skills against some 45 other cubers from around the world.

And he blew the crowd away, said his proud father, Marc.

"He set an American speedcubing record and came in second fastest in the world," the elder Lewis said.

It took Quinn an average

13.41 seconds to correctly align the 26 brightly colored pieces of plastic.

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"I think it's just the satisfaction of doing something other people find impossible," Quinn said of his fascination with the cube.

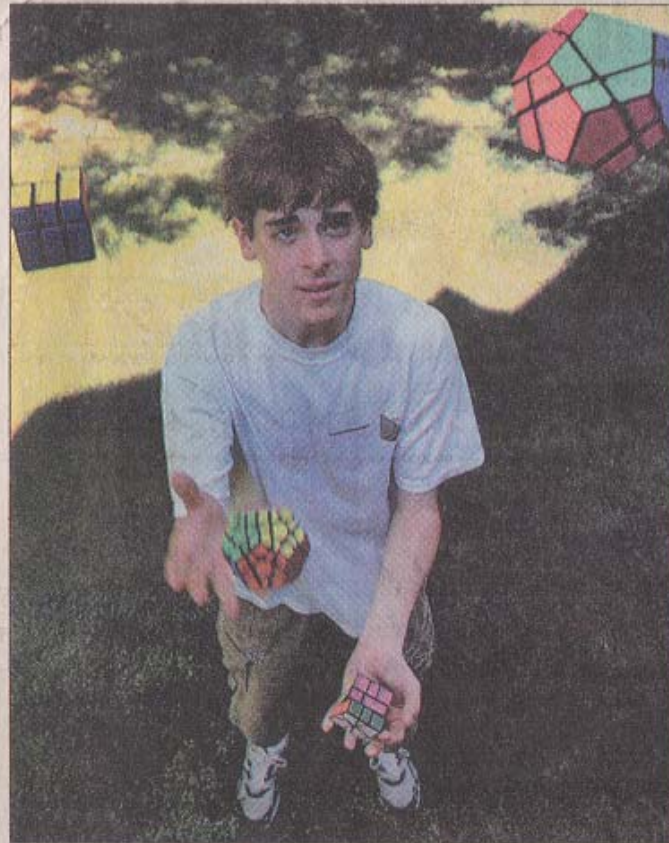
His first attempt to solve the mind-boggling puzzle, designed by Hungarian engineer Erno Rubik, took about a week, Quinn explained. Then he got serious.

Using the Fridich method, one of many used to tackle the cube, Quinn said, he began getting faster and faster.

"It fits very well, there's not a lot of memorization. The main thing that makes you fast is being able to see ahead without stopping."

Next, the talented young jazz musician and accomplished juggler hopes to rank among the top three speedcubers in the world when he travels to Florida for his next competition in the fall.

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Quinn Lewis of Doylestown Township set an American speed record at his first-ever speedcubing competition. His first attempt to solve the puzzle took him about a week.