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March/April 2011
Eastern Standard Time

High		Low	
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
30 6:08	6:37	12:11	
31 6:51	7:16	12:27	12:51
1 7:31	7:52	1:10	1:27
2 8:08	8:26	1:50	2:00
3 8:44	8:59	2:28	2:32
4 9:19	9:32	3:05	3:03

Moon Phases
New Moon, April 4
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WCM offers to help fire company with fundraising

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
Cape May Star and Wave

WEST CAPE MAY – West Cape May Fire Chief Chuck McPherson responded to comments made by Mayor Pamela Kaithern, published in the local newspapers regarding the volunteer fire company's consistent requests for more taxpayer money.

McPherson said at the March 23 commissioners meeting that the fire company was only asking that the borough provide funding for mandatory items. He said the amount of funding that the VFC is asking for, is less than that of the mayor's salary.

"For some reason, the commission in West Cape May doesn't want to do

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One-cent tax rate increase lowered in CM

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – After making multiple adjustments to the \$15.2 million 2011 municipal budget, Cape May City Council voted 3-2 to reduce a preliminary 2-cent tax increase down to 6/10 of a cent.

The budget was introduced March 22, also by a 3-2 vote, calling for a 1-cent tax increase. According to City Auditor Leon Costello, that tax increase would have meant \$10 for every \$100,000 of the assessed property value. The change results in a the tax increase of \$30 on a

\$500,000 home. Costello said the budget is well within legal means of the

and \$45,000 in the beach tag office rent. Council members also cut

'My interests are what's best for the community.'

– Mayor Ed Mahaney

state's spending and levy caps.

City council agreed to add \$75,000 to its revenue through the city's lease and rental contracts. There was a \$30,000 increase made in the beach concessions line item

\$47,000 in expenditures through legal services, liability insurance, celebration of public events, general office operations and expenses in the police department such as uniforms. The police department did however receive a

\$20,000 increase in its budget for two seasonal police officers. This brings the police department salary and wages budget to a total of \$1,881,396.

Two salary and wages budgets were decreased by council, which were the Beach Patrol and Civic Affairs Department. The \$50,000 salary set aside for a new marketing position for the new Convention Hall was cut by \$12,500. Council also cut the Beach Patrol salary and wages budget from \$713,000 to \$698,000 by eliminating two lieutenant positions.

Mayor Edward Mahaney and Councilwoman Terry

Swain each opposed the introduction of the budget on March 22, as they wished for no tax increase at all. Mahaney however agreed to the newly established .6-cent increase. He said no one on city council will see every suggestion they've made put into the budget, but they have all come to an agreement.

Mahaney and Swain voted against the introduction of the budget on March 1 in a 2-2 vote, when Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman was on vacation. Wichterman voted to introduce the budget on March 22, but said he would

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Cape May requiring mercantile license for house cleaners, landscapers, others

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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CAPE MAY – House cleaning, property maintenance and grass cutting businesses will be required to purchase a \$175 mercantile license after city council voted 3-2 to adopt a new fee ordinance, March 22.

day off so someone could be on duty during the weekend. He said these officers would simply approach these workers while on the job and ask for proof of a mercantile license.

"We felt this was an area where we did not have satisfactory reporting of business operators, proof of insurance

'This is going to be a burden on us and we're going to have to pass it on.'

– Nels Johnson, landscaper

Councilwoman Deanna Fiocca and Councilman Bill Murray voted against adopting the ordinance. Fiocca asked how the license requirement would be enforced on weekends and after 4:30 p.m. on weekdays when the code enforcement official's workday ends. MacLeod said there would be changes made during the weekdays, letting one code enforcement officer have a

for work that was being done in these three areas," MacLeod said.

He said the state statute specifies that mercantile license fees cannot produce more income beyond the city's costs to issue licenses plus code enforcement hours. He said the \$175 is the same as the cost of a mercantile license for contractors.

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Paroled killer Campon arrested on drugs and weapons charges in NY

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. – Joseph Michael Campon, convicted in 2005 for aggravated manslaughter in the death of Christopher Loftus in Cape May in 2001, was arrested Feb. 28 for alleged possession of drugs and a handgun.

Campon was found guilty April 25, 2005 of manslaughter for the stabbing death of Loftus in 2001. The pair was involved in a confrontation on the Promenade at the Family Fun Arcade, and the dispute was carried over to Howard Street where the stabbing took place. Campon, who was 17 at the time, alleged Loftus

picked up a wine bottle out of a recycle can and threatened him with it, whereupon Campon took a knife out of his pocket and stabbed Loftus, who died of his injuries.

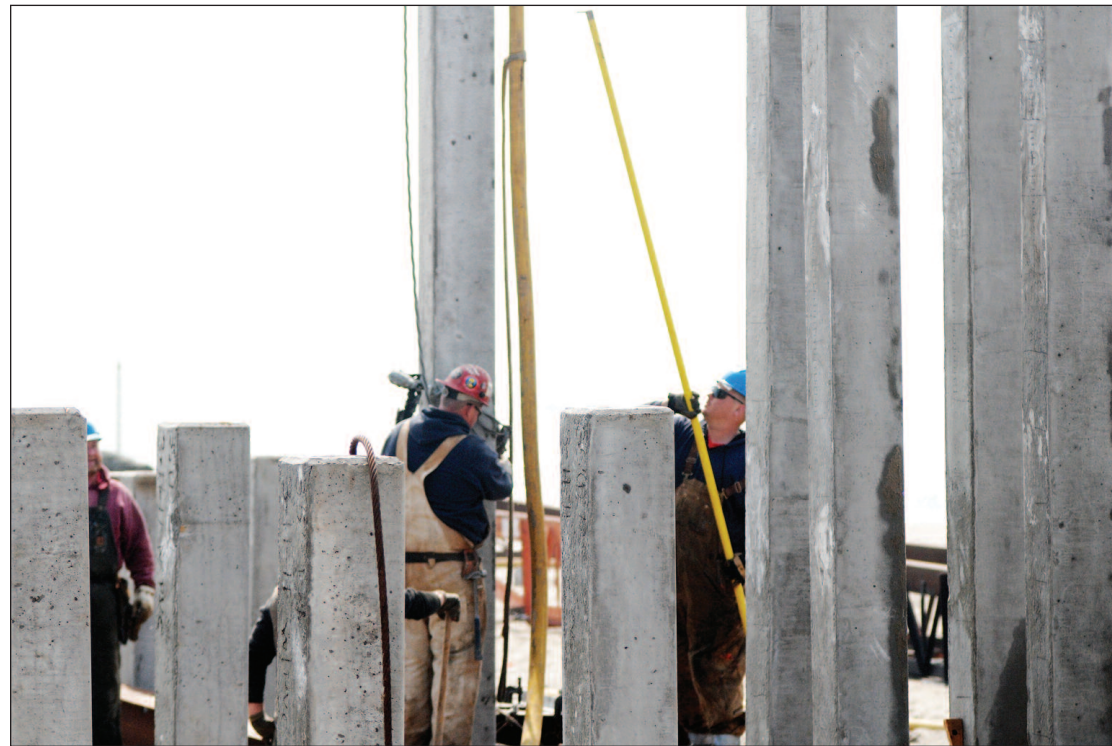
Campon was sentenced to four years in state prison by New Jersey Superior Court Judge Raymond Batten.

Campon, 27, was arrested after what was described as a routine parole search of his home, which turned up marijuana and a 9 mm handgun.

Campon was charged with possession of marijuana and criminal possession of a weapon.



Joseph Michael Campon



Christopher South/Cape May Star and Wave

Concrete Jungle

Workers are seen in the middle of what appears to be a jungle of concrete pilings being driven for the new Convention Hall project. Pile driving is the second phase of the project, with construction of the new building scheduled to begin on May 1 and be completed by Memorial Day 2012.

Derrick McQueen left theater behind, but not performing

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – Derrick McQueen, was a fixture in the arts in the Cape May area for 15 years, a performer at the Cape May Stage and East Lynne Theater Company, where he recently performed the role of Paul Robeson, a singer and activist in the Civil Rights movement.

McQueen returned to Cape May in March in a different role, preaching three Sundays at the Macedonia Baptist Church.

However, the two roles are not that different for McQueen, who graduated from Union Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity with a focus on Theology and the Arts.

McQueen preached on the Samaritan Woman at the Well, Sunday, and his theatrical background was apparent. McQueen said a lot of preachers are afraid to look at what they do as performance, but he has been studying rhetoric and using performance to get your message across goes back to Aristotle. McQueen said the focus of Theology and the Arts has to do with more than music, but also a love of liturgy and the ritual of worship, and making worship more meaningful for people.

"It's a way of embodying the message and really bringing it across to people. It's been a great doorway for



Christopher South/Cape May Star and Wave

Derrick McQueen, shown above with his mother, Priscilla McQueen, is known in theatrical circles in Cape May, but is a recent graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York. He preached at Macedonia Baptist Church the last three Sundays.

getting the message across," McQueen said. "Writing a good sermon is one thing...being able to get it

across is another." McQueen, 46, was born in

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