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FEBRUARY (Normals: 43°/29°, 2.88")			
	High	Low	Precip.
26	49°	35°	
27	55°	41°	
28	54°	35°	
MARCH (Normals: 51°/35°, 4.28")			
	High	Low	Precip.
1	36°	31°	.74/4.2"
2	32°	17°	.18/3.5"
3	28°	14°	
4	35°	10°	

## Police subdue man who threatened L.T. detective

NORTH CAPE MAY - Lower Township Police were able to subdue a man with non-deadly force after the man allegedly threatened to kill the officers and called for the police to shoot him.

Police used two cans of pepper mace on Rodney Frazier, 59, of North Cape, who then threw two large fillet knives at the police. Officers were then able to force Frazier to the ground and handcuff him.

According to Lower Township Police, on Tuesday, March 10, at around 8:50 p.m., Detective Chris Lambert received a call on his cell phone from a man threatening to kill him.

Lambert, who was on duty at the time, believed he recognized the voice as that of Frazier, who police said is well known to the Lower Township Police Department with an extensive criminal history.

Lambert arrested Frazier in November 2008 for possession of heroin with intent to distribute.

Lambert called the number back and spoke with Frazier's brother. The brother said he believed Frazier was in his bedroom. Lambert advised the brother that he was enroute to his Breakwater Place residence to check on his welfare and Frazier's status.

About that time, Detective First Class Mel Hedum, Lambert and

Patrol Officer Brian McEwing responded to Frazier's residence. After getting out of their vehicles, the officers allegedly saw Frazier walking towards them from his backyard yelling, "I'm going to kill you! Shoot me, shoot me!" with his hands behind his back.

The officers drew their duty weapons and demanded to see

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## Rigby not running

West Cape May commissioner plans to spend more time on non-profit work

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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WEST CAPE MAY - Commissioner Dick Rigby has decided not to run for re-election to the West Cape May Board of Commissioners, but instead devote more time to the non-profit he co-directs with Ann Breen.

Rigby, 73, said his primary reason for not running was to spend more time working with the Waterfront Center, "promoting and championing" waterfront preservation.

"Our focus is urban waterfront, by which we mean a community of any size - from industrial areas to wetlands," Rigby said. "We do community consulting, have meetings, and have an awards program at the Virginia Hotel for 12 years of the 22 years of existence."

Rigby said the awards go for grass-roots efforts to preserve waterfronts and they are in the third year of issuing student awards. Rigby said he and Breen founded the center in 1981 with some personal savings.

"It's been a spiritual success if not a financial bonanza, but that wasn't our objective," he said.

Rigby is in the final months of his four-year term as a borough commissioner. Although he has been involved in politics, active in two previous campaigns, and worked for a member of Congress, his current term was his only experience as an elected official.

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**-Commissioner  
Dick Rigby**

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Chef Geoff Johnson, owner of the Copperfish Restaurant, shows guests what his vinegrette looks like during a cooking demonstration Tuesday. The demo was filmed for the Travel Channel. Below is a dish Johnson prepared.

## Travel Channel stops by Cape May for lesson in cooking at Copperfish

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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COLD SPRING - Ask Copperfish chef and owner Geoff Johnson about cooking and be prepared to get a lesson.

Since the restaurant is now open just Thursday through Sunday, Johnson has been holding cooking demonstrations on Tuesdays since January, but admittedly the attendance hasn't been stellar.

This past Tuesday, Johnson was able to reach out to a wider audience who, to their loss, won't be able to taste the food unless they come to Cape May, or more specifically, to the Cold Spring section of Lower Township just outside of the Cape May city limits.

Johnson's chef demo became part of a segment being taped for the Travel Channel as part of a feature they are doing on the East Coast.

"They are featuring things to do,

places to go, things to see, and they wanted my demo as part of the segment on Cape May," Johnson said.

It happened to help that Johnson knows a guy who works for the production company. The guy came to

take that," Johnson said.

Johnson said his goal is to show people different cooking techniques or methods, and to introduce people to "ingredients that are fun."

"I want to show them something that is different than what they find somewhere else," he said.

Johnson said he would show people how to braise, for example.

"It's a classic technique everyone uses, but it has different applications. You can go from traditional and classic to modern and fun fare," he said.

On Tuesday Johnson prepared some bacon-wrapped scallops, which are pretty standard fare in these parts. But he also told his diners and audience members about scallop sizing and the difference between "wet" and "dry" scallops. Johnson explained that the bacon, besides adding fla-



Cape May for dinner and asked if they could tape part of Johnson's demonstration and use part of it for the Cape May episode.

"I said, 'That's fine with me, I'll

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## Area towns look at regulating wind, solar equipment



By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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LOWER TOWNSHIP - Lower Township Zoning Officer Bill Galestock provided township council with a draft windmill ordinance last

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**-Bill Galestock  
Lower Township  
Zoning Officer**

week, seeking council input before submitting it to the planning board for their review.

Galestock said there is no indication of the cost for a permit. Township council would set the fee by ordinance. The ordinance also did not specify the type of windmills permitted. Windmills

resembling an airplane propeller and a vertical wind turbine have been discussed.

Councilman Wayne Mazurek said there was some local concern about noise from windmills, and Health Department regulations forbid noise exceeding 50 decibels. He also asked who would perform the readings.

"Under 50 decibels is required by the ordinance. There are three windmills in Lower Township and they are all certified to meet the 50 decibel mark," Galestock said. "The vertical windmills are very quiet from what I read."

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regulations require a 50 decibel sound limit.

"For a noise ordinance to be legal it must be approved by the DEP, and the Health Department would measure it," Galestock said.

Mazurek said he didn't see the sense of creating a requirement if the township, which lacks the noise level metering equipment, couldn't enforce it.

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The Moriers expressed their appreciation of firefighters saving their home on March 1.

## After a near devastating fire, homeowner hangs banner to thank firefighters, others

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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CAPE MAY - The Moriers of Washington Street in Cape May wanted to show their appreciation for the firefighters and emergency personnel who saved their home after an early morning fire threatened to destroy it. The homeowners were so

happy that they had a professionally designed banner made reading, "Thank you, Firefighters, Emergency Responders. Eternally grateful - the Moriers," and they hung it on the front of their home.

Fire Chief Jerry Inderwies said they arrived at 1045 Washington St. on March 1

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