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	am	pm	am	pm
28	7:59	8:13	1:45	2:04
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30	10:07	10:07	3:43	4:11
31	11:03	11:00	4:43	5:13
1	5:51	6:18		12:10
2	6:42	7:10	12:01	1:02
3	7:30	7:58	12:47	1:50

City Council reaches truce with Corea

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
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CAPE MAY - The city announced the results of a closed session meeting, Dec. 21, saying city council has reached an accord with city manager Luciano V. Corea on conditions for his staying in his post as the city's top administrator.

In a statement prepared by the city solicitor, the city announced, "The city council has also decided to retain Mr. Corea as city manager."

"Obviously that's something I wanted - I enjoy what I'm doing," Corea said.

Corea said he was satisfied with the process saying he felt the five-member committee assembled to evaluate the city manager position gave him an objective evaluation.

"They pretty much confirmed I was doing a good job," Corea said. "There were some communication problems in the past but they can be overcome."

Councilman David Kurkowski said he looked forward to working with Corea.

Kurkowski and Councilwoman Linda Stenrod, along with three community members, resident Suzanne Smigo, former mayor Thomas Phelan, and former police chief Robert Boyd, comprised the committee charged with evaluating Corea and the position of city manager.

"I thought the process worked very well," Kurkowski said. "We talked to over 100 people in Cape May representing a variety of parts of the community - year round and seasonal resi-

dents, those who were active in politics, those who are quiet, business owners, and city employees."

"We thought it was a very comprehensive way of approaching this decision," Kurkowski said.

The committee also met with the remaining council members, Councilman David Craig, Deputy Mayor Niels Favre and Mayor Jerry Inderweis and the city manager.

According to the statement issued by the committee did not make recommen-

dations on whether to retain Corea as the city manager, nor did it recommend the term of his new contract, which will be negotiated over the next three months. Kurkowski confirmed both of those statements, saying all parties expect contract negotiations will be successfully completed over the next several months.

Some doubt had been cast on whether or not Corea's contract would be renewed, especially after lifeguard

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Best wishes for a great and prosperous 2007!

There's always plenty of entertainment in store when the Cape May Point Civic Club has its Christmas party. This year's party featured four Santas, Wes Schroeder, Don Touzeau, Jim Hull and Joe Wescott, who called themselves "Chris and the Cringells" and entertained the women with song and even handed out a hug or two, above, left and right. At left, The Civic Club posed for a group photo to be used on their annual calendar. Little did they know they would wind up on the front page of the Star and Wave, too!

Photos by Christopher South

The year in review - a look back at 2006 around the area

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(Editor's note: This is the first part of a series looking back at the year that was.)

JANUARY

Lower Cape May boys basketball posts rare win over Middle

ERMA - On Tuesday, Jan. 4, the Lower Cape May boys

basketball team beat Middle Township for the first time since 1996. The Caper Tigers led by 12 at halftime and held on to beat the visiting Panthers 69-64.

PR firms provides feedback to Tourism Commission

CAPE MAY - The MWW Group, a public relations firm hired by the city to market Cape May as a tourist destination, provided its first feed-

back the Cape May Tourism Commission after coming here for a two day "immersion trip." While here, the representatives met with groups from Cape May including the chamber of commerce, the Nature Center, the Washington Street Mall Merchants Association, the hotel/motel association, the Cape May Marina, Center for Community Arts, and Cape

May Stage, to name a few.

Cape May Elementary to reduce staff

CAPE MAY - After evaluating the school budget, which has been capped due to S-1701, the Cape May City Elementary School Board of Education, on Jan. 12, directed the superintendent to make the cuts, resulting in two full time teachers being cut. The plan was to eliminate

one second grade teacher, one third grade teacher and a fifth grade teacher, while adding a fourth grade teacher for a net reduction of two. Another teacher went from full time to part time.

Cape May won't drop Section 8 duties

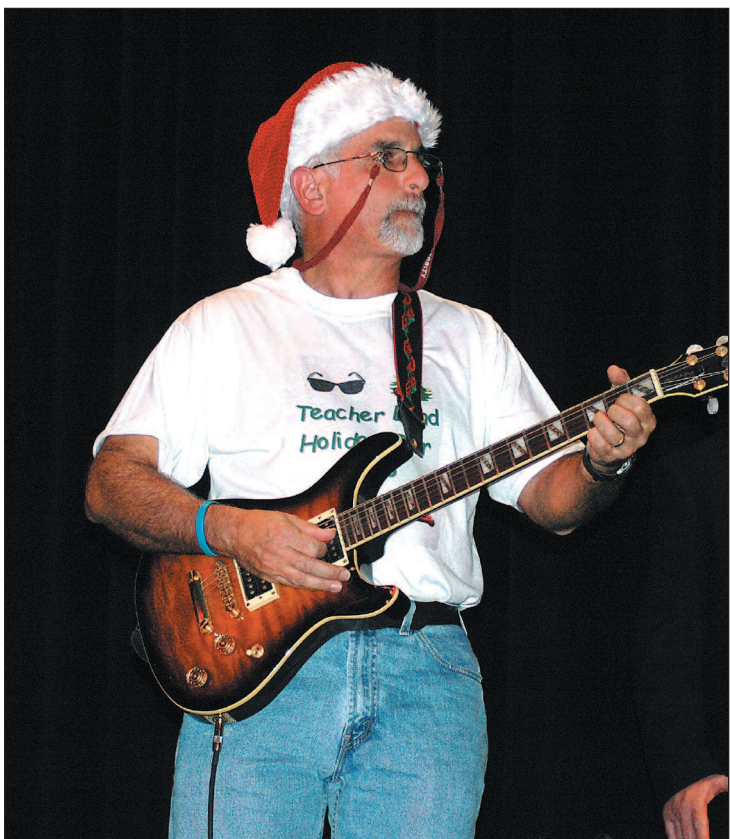
CAPE MAY - The city of Cape May decided to continue to offer residents in-house help with Section 8 procedures, rather than turn the process over to the state, after city council decided it wanted to continue providing the service to city residents. At its Jan. 17 meeting, city council tabled Resolution 17-01-2006, which would have entered the city into an agree-

ment with the state Department of Community Affairs and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

County votes to support Ponderlodge acquisition

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE - The Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders voted 4-0 to authorize an application to the state's Green Acres Program for funding to purchase the former Ponderlodge Golf Course in Lower Township. The county applied for \$8 million in grants and low-interest loans to acquire the 235-acre par-

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If the school is a rockin' ...

Teacher Jim Colubiale and Teitelman School principal Gene Sole, help rock the house as part of the "Teacher Band Holiday Tour." The teachers - and some students performed at both Teitelman and Lower Cape May Regional High School last week.

Early deadlines ...

Due to the New Year holiday, the Star and Wave will be maintaining early deadlines. The office will also be closed on New year's Day. Thank you and have a very Happy New Year.

Classified advertisements

Friday at noon

Legal advertisements

Friday at noon

Display advertising

Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Editorial submissions

Friday at 5 p.m.