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High	Low	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
16	11:02	11:46	4:29	5:35	
17	11:54		5:25	6:27	
18	12:47	12:54	6:30	7:22	
19	1:51	1:58	7:39	8:19	
20	2:54	3:03	8:47	9:14	
21	3:53	4:06	9:52	10:08	
22	4:48	5:05	10:53	11:01	
23	5:41	6:01	11:50	11:53	

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## Smoking ban fails in Cape May due to tie vote

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - A proposed ordinance banning smoking on Cape May beaches, in parks and on the promenade in Cape May failed to pass as a shorthanded council split their vote 2-2.

Mayor Ed Mahaney and Councilwoman Terri Swain voted against the ordinance while Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman, who initiated the smoking ban ordinance, and Councilman William Murray voted in favor.

Councilwoman Deanna Fiocca was absent. Most of the seats were filled

*'I remember the days when you could go anywhere with your bike and your dog. I think we've become a town of signs that say, 'Can't do'. I think we need to change the ordinance and not make it so severe.'*

- Councilwoman Terri Swain

in the council meeting room, Monday night, as Cape May residents and non-residents

wished to voice their opinions during public comment on the ordinance. Most who spoke

Monday were against the ordinance, many of whom said it would hurt the local economy by driving summer tourists away, especially Canadian visitors. Statistically, a higher percentage of Canadians are smokers.

John Cooke, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May said he and the chamber's board of directors objected to the smoking ban ordinance.

"While smoking and second hand smoke are serious health concerns, especially indoors, Cape May should not be in the business of telling visitors how to live," he said. "Cape May should be

in the business of providing all visitors with an enjoyable and safe environment. The Chamber of Commerce members want visitors to enjoy their stay, free of overbearing rules and regulations."

Mickey McGlade, owner of the McGlade's on the Beach, said her customers currently use the promenade to smoke because they are not permitted to smoke in her restaurant. She said if the ordinance passed, they would have to cross Beach Avenue to have a cigar or cigarette since her restaurant is located on the beachfront.

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## American Dream Movement stages march in Cape May

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - The economy might be struggling, but there are still those who believe everyone is capable of attaining the American Dream as long as we are all willing to work together.

involved. Marguerite Chandler, Claire Nagel and Susannah Newman brought the movement to Cape May County over the summer and were responsible for organizing the march through the city. "We had our first meeting at my house in July and I invit-



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Above, community members take part in a peaceful protest sponsored by the local American Dream Movement.

Around 25 people marched through Cape May on Saturday spreading the word about the American Dream Movement. According to organizers, the movement is a nationwide coalition of over 100 non-partisan political and media organizations dedicated to boosting the economy and motivating others to get

ed about 20 people," Nagel said. "Since then, we've just been trying to get the word out as much as we can." Newman said she attended an American Dream Movement rally in Washington, D.C. in October. She said 2,000 people attend

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## Veterans Day remembered in Cape May

Above, a rifle stuck in the ground with a helmet hanging on the butt is a well known symbol of the fallen soldier. The Cape May area remembered its fallen veterans at its annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial on Columbia Avenue. See more photos on page A10.

## Tale of two WWII veterans

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
Cape May Star and Wave

### RON STENLAKE

NORTH CAPE MAY - Ron Stenlake said he truly appreciates the recognition and support given to veterans and current military personnel, because those he served with were rarely shown respect when they came home.

Stenlake spent six years in the Navy during the Vietnam War. He said when troops came back from the war they were generally ridiculed, spit on and called cruel names as soon as they got off the plane.

"As soon as you came home, you wanted to be in civilian clothes so no one would know you were in the military," he said. "Patriotism has improved 1,000 percent since then."



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Above, WWII Navy veteran Ron Stenlake and his wife Alice at VFW Post 386 on Congress Street in Cape May.

Stenlake said this is why those were words they rarely heard following their tour of "welcome home," because

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## BID chairman, wife charged

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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CAPE MAY - The chairman of the Washington Street Mall Management Company and his wife were scheduled to be in Cape May Municipal court today to answer to charges of criminal mischief and theft.

Steve Smarro resigned Nov. 7 as board of trustees chairman for the Business Improvement District (BID). The Washington Street Mall Management Company is the name of the nonprofit corporation that manages the BID.

Smarro's resignation came after he and wife Pam, owners of Madame's Port, 311 Washington Street (Mall), were the subjects of a citizen's complaint citing criminal mischief and theft.

Mike Slawek, owner of the Ugly Mug Bar and Restaurant, 426 Washington St., filed the complaint with the Cape May Police Department after a sign advertising a prime rib

dinner special was torn down from the side of his building. According to Slawek, two subjects alleged to be Steve and Pam Smarro were caught on video and still camera taking down the approximately 3'x7' sign on the Decatur Street side of the building. Slawek said the sign was removed Nov. 3 at around 8 p.m.

Slawek said the cameras were installed because vandalism has been an ongoing problem on that side of the building for the past couple of years. "We have a menu board on the big barrel (end) on that side of the building, and we've been getting vandalism before 9 p.m.," he said.

Slawek said someone has come in their side door on several occasions and kicked the pipes away from the urinal and torn the sink off the wall.

"Normally, if that kind of thing would happen it would be 1 a.m. in the summer, not

before 9 p.m.," he said.

Slawek said they were constantly dealing with someone taking their menus off the menu boards or laying their menu boards on the ground. Letters have been removed from that side of the building.

Slawek said he had the cameras installed and he figured they would catch a kid, who would be slapped on the wrist and told not to do it anymore.

"Low and behold it was the chairman of the BID," Slawek said.

Slawek described the actions of the two individuals in the video.

"One is looking out, then one pulls a little off. Then they look in the window," he said.

Slawek said this behavior is repeated several times until the persons in the video remove the sign entirely and carry it into the Pilot House, next door.

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## MOCA has long history in Cape May

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY -The women of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary (MOCA) have been supporting veterans and putting smiles on their faces since the organization came to Cape May 41 years ago.

The 43 members of the Cape May auxiliary who are committed to local VFW Post 386 make trips to veterans hospitals to spend time with those who served our country. This is one of the primary goals of the Cooties groups across the country. The women's auxiliary began in the 1940s, when members realized the hospi-



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Above, local members of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary. Left to right, Happy Beachum, Carol Haggerty, Janet Fox, Dot Jarmon (seated), Dolly Showers, and Melissa Showers.

tals would soon be filled

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