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1/24	11:31	5:21		5:47
1/25	12:09	6:19	12:26	6:42
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New Moon 1/5
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Fee increases help budget, slight amount

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
 Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – Following the city manager's budget presentation last Wednesday, city council discussed resolutions and ordinances that will slightly increase Cape May city revenue for 2011.

A proposal to add three new business applications to the list of services that require a mercantile license to operate in Cape May was approved by city council. Property maintenance, house cleaning and lawn cutting businesses will now need to receive or renew their mercantile license before May 1 in order to operate legally.

Mayor Ed Mahaney said changes to the ordinance needed to be made for administrative control reasons and code enforcement purposes.

"We want to ensure people engaging in these activities have proper insurance," Mahaney said.

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MUA head talks about costs with CM council

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
 Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – The city of Cape May accounts for about 9 percent of the wastewater treated by the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority, its executive director said.

Charles Norkis spoke to Cape May City Council Tuesday after being asked for an explanation of how the MUA charges municipalities. Norkis made an earlier visit to Cape May for the same purpose under a previous council.

'We try to be cognizant of our customers.'
 – CMCMUA Executive Director Charles Norkis

Norkis said the MUA's rate structure is somewhat unique because the county's population is unusual. Cape May County goes from a year around population of about 92,000 to a summer population of just over 600,000.

"Because of the seasonability (of the population), our plants were built for the summer. If not for the summer they would be half the size," Norkis said.

Norkis said because of the extra burden put on the facil-

ity during the summer season, the rate structure is set up so summer residents pay their fair share of the cost of treating wastewater.

Norkis said when the MUA was established some 30 years ago they turned over the rate structure to consultants who developed what he called a pretty fair system.

"They broke the charges into fixed and variable costs," Norkis said.

Besides the debt service on the plant, other examples of fixed costs include electricity and chemical charges.

"Debt service is the biggest

fixed cost," Norkis said.

Norkis said fixed costs are about 88 percent of the cost of operating the MUA. About half of the fixed costs are debt service, and about 60 percent of the cost billed to municipalities is for paying down debt service.

The MUA then estimates the amount of variable cost for flow from a community, calculated on a six-year average. He said costs to a community can vary according to how tight their sanitary sewer system is. Systems that allow

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COAH discussion priority in the Point

By JANICE BROWN
 Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY POINT – While the January meeting of the Cape May Point Board of Commissioners was characteristically brief, the recurring topic of COAH (Council on Affordable Housing) dominated its agenda. COAH was developed to regulate the provision of sufficient, safe and affordable housing units statewide, and its procedures have been hotly debated via the New Jersey League of Municipalities since its inception.

On Jan. 10, both the State Senate and the General Assembly passed the S-1 COAH Reform Bill, essentially abolishing COAH and transferring its duties to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA). In a memo sent the next day, the League of Municipalities stated its inability to support the bill in its current form "due to the obligations it would impose on municipalities" and urged local governing bodies to contact their legislators and the Governor's Office in Trenton to express their concerns.

The commissioners unanimously passed Resolution 20-11 "vehemently opposing" S-1 COAH Reform Bill.

The main concern about the new bill is a sharp

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Sands of time

The Army Corps of Engineers is rebuilding a sand dune near the Cove Restaurant that was washed away by coast storms. The dune is part of a beach replenishment project that extends from the Cove through Cape May Point.

LCMR teacher says farewell after nearly four decades

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
 Cape May Star and Wave

ERMA – Former Lower Cape May Regional teacher Jimmy Mullin once told John Hosford, when he first came to the school, the only things that had changed about kids during his 30 years of teaching were the hairdos and the music. Now, 36 years later, it's Hosford's turn to retire from LCMR and he said feels the exact same way.

After educating thousands of students as a business teacher for nearly four decades, Hosford, 62, is calling it quits. He hopes during that time he accomplished at least a couple things.

"I just hope I made a positive influence on my students and helped people along the way," he said.



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Lower Cape May Regional business teacher John Hosford talks about his 36-year teacher career as he plans to retire.

Although, no matter what fads or hairstyles and music were in at any given time,

Hosford said his students made him who he is today.

Considering Hosford's

background, it's hard to believe he became an educator in the first place. Quite an anomaly, he was the only child of five to graduate high school. He grew up near a lake in Williamstown and helped run a family vegetable farm. As his two brothers and two sisters grew older, it was important to make money and support the family, so they gave up on high school and started working.

"Education wasn't a top priority in my family," Hosford said.

He said most of the teachers in his high school didn't believe he would amount to much, so none of them ever had any impact on his life. In fact, he said he could barely remember any of their names only a few years after he graduated.

"I felt like I was stereotyped as one of the kids that wouldn't make it," he said.

According to Hosford, this is what perhaps motivated him the most to become a teacher.

After high school, he bounced around to several different jobs, which included a lot of business related jobs, like his store manager position at a local discount store. He also had his own landscaping business in Camden County. He eventually attended Glassboro State College in his early 20s and graduated in 1975. Hosford has a master's degree in counseling from Glassboro State as well, which is now Rowan College. After getting his education degree,

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Bicycle registration bill quickly withdrawn

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
 Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE – A new bill (A3657) proposed by Assemblywoman Clipart Tucker that would have required all bicycles ridden on public highways and lands be registered with the Motor Vehicle Commission and display license plates was withdrawn, Sen. Jeff Van Drew said.

Van Drew, Assemblymen Nelson Albano and Matt Milam were all opposed to the bill from the start. If it had passed, bicyclists would have been forced to pay \$10 a year to register their bikes with the Division of Motor Vehicles, or face to fines of \$100.

"It's something that we don't need," Van Drew said. "People are taxed and tolled to death and it's making it hard for people to live in this state."

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King's legacy remembered

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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CAPE MAY – Community members gathered at the Cape May United Methodist Church, Saturday, to honor the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. on his birthday, two days before the national holiday was celebrated.

The program, presented by the Center for Community Arts Youth Art Program (YAP) including a presentation of civil rights leaders by YAP students from Cape May, Lower Township and Wildwood. Program youth held up pictures of Martin Luther King Jr., his widow Coretta Scott King, Robert F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson,



Frederick Douglas, Andrew Young, Ralph Abernathy, Adam Clayton Powell, Jesse Jackson and Rosa Parks, giving a brief biography of each person.

Giving presentations on their "Dream" as inspired by

King's "I Have a Dream" speech, were youth members of Jack and Jill of America, Atlantic County Chapter. The children and youth told the audience how King inspired them to strive for a dream in their personal life.

North Cape May resident and poet Jack Walters delivered a poem titled "King," which he wrote after King's assassination. Walter wrote that the nation "battered down its conscience" after King was killed, but went on to say that "We who have forgotten how to sing, and who killed him, will sing again."

His poem was well-received by those in attendance.

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