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10	11:03	11:24	4:59	4:50
11	11:47		5:47	5:35
12	12:14	12:43	6:45	6:32
13	1:16	2:53	8:51	8:39
14	3:26	4:07	9:57	9:49
15	4:34	5:13	10:57	10:56
16	5:36	6:11	11:51	11:57

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By CAIN CHAMBERLIN Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - A 2-2 council vote prevented the planned introduction of the 2011 Cape May municipal budget, last when Mayor Mahaney and Councilwoman Terri Swain voted against a 1-cent tax

Councilman Bill Murray and Councilwoman Deanna Fiocca voted to introduce the budget with the tax increase, while Mahaney and Swain felt adjustments could be made to prevent any increase from occurring. Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman was

I feel given our current situation there should be a freeze on salary increases until our economic climate strengthens.'

Councilwoman Terri Swain

not present at the meeting because he was on vacation, so no tiebreaking vote could

Mahaney provided a memorandum to the council, city auditor and manager at the

Feb. 18 meeting, which gave nine key recommendations as to how the original 2-cent increase could be completely eliminated, mostly involving cuts and shifts in the Public Safety Department.

He proposed reducing over-time pay in the police depart-ment and eliminating a lieutenant position as well as cutting the city's detective division by one officer. He also said two positions on the fire department should not be filled with full-time employees and the Beach Patrol should be have three lieutenants instead of five.

Mahaney said at last Tuesday's meeting, those proposed recommendations were the direct result of the onecent tax reduction after the budget had been revised by City Auditor Leon Costello and City Manager Bruce MacLeod. His suggestions led to a \$276,700 reduction in spending appropriations.

Mahaney said he had not seen or received any meaningful ideas from the other council members, with the exception of Swain, regarding revenue increase decreased spending.

Swain said cross-training employees and rearranging departmental offices, in conjunction with the use of information technology, gave tax-payers more timely information and protected future layoffs. She said she is not in favor of passing any tax increase and doing so would

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Rust gives rise to talk on CM water tower replacement

By CAIN CHAMBERLINCape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - The bottom of the city's water tower at Columbia and Madison has

and may need to be replaced according to **Engineer Ray** Roberts of Remington Vernick and Walberg.

become rusty

Roberts said at last Tuesday's meeting that the tank was designed by earlier

version of his firm and erected in 1937. The tower is now 77 years old, taking into account when construction "We're lucky it has lasted 77 years," Roberts said. He said minor work had

been done to the access doors on the tower in 2001. Mayor Edward Mahaney also point-

ed out that the outside of the tower was painted the same year for \$400,000. Roberts' firm did a study on the structure in 2006 and contemplated two options: either replacing or repairing the tower.
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replacement was \$2.1 million, the repair estimate was like \$800,000,"

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Roberts said

Blinking lights added

new blinking signal lights where two major roads meet Beach Avenue.

Engineer Dale Foster the signals are meant to draw attention to the intersections where Pittsburgh at the north end, and Broadway at the Avenue. According to Foster, people often missed these two intersections and would then make illegal U-turns. The blinking lights, which were turned on last week, are part of a larger county program of



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Woman airlifted after fall

CAPE MAY - A woman was airlifted to the Atlantic City Trauma Center after she apparently tripped and fell near the intersection of Lafayette and Jackson Streets in Cape May. The Cape May Fire/Rescue Department responded to a call before noon, March 2, and found the woman lying down on the sidewalk near the All Irish Imports store. According to Fire Chief Jerry Inderwies Jr., the woman, judged to be in her mid-50s, had a laceration on the back of her head and there appeared to be significant bleeding. He said a trauma assessment indicated there was also injury to the rib area. Inderwies said the woman also had an altered level of consciousness. She was transported by AtlanticAir II based out of Millville. Inderwies said the new life-flight helicopter can arrive in half the time of the older models. Inderwies said the number of emergency medical calls for fall injuries dropped significantly after the resurfacing of the Washington Street Mall. Inderwies said before the resurfacing the fire department EMS crews made several emergency calls each week to the mall because of trip and falls.

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Near 90, still teaching CPR

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Cape May Star and Wave

VILLAS – Helen Eppehimer will be 90 in May, but she continues to teach CPR, as she and her late husband did since they instituted a CPR class in the 1980s. Eppehimer was born in Philadelphia on May 10, 1921,

and lived in the northeast section of the city for a long time before the family moved to Delaware County, where they lived for about 15 years. In 1969, she and her husband Bill moved to Villas, where they bought their first and only home in Lower

Township, on Vacation Road.



Helen Eppehimer 1980 they became involved in the

Township Rescue Squad as volunteers.

"I didn't even want to think the rescue squad,' Eppehimer said.

But their daughter, Naomi Nichols, had joined the rescue squad and, on and off, she would ask her to get involved.
"I said, 'No way',"

Eppehimer said. However, Naomi would ask her mother to accompany her on runs over the weekends or at night, and she relented. After a while she decided she was going to join the rescue

squad and told Bill. He said, 'Fine, Don't

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C-View maintaining tradition By CAIN CHAMBERLIN

Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – Greg Coffey, owner of the C-View Inn, is someone who truly believes in keeping history and tradition alive. If you want proof, just take a walk inside the tavern and look at the menu. Throughout the week, there

are several dinner specials on the list such as Rib Mondays, Pizza and Taco Tuesdays and of course the local favorite, Wing Wednesdays. Wing night and pizza night have been going on for years at the C-View, even before Coffey purchased it in May

2007 after being a long time customer. "I've been a patron of the C-View longer than I'd like to admit," he quipped.

When he bought the establishment, he wanted to keep

the traditions going and even-

tually introduced specials of his own to the list. He and manager Dan Oliver recently added \$1 tacos to the



Cain Chamberlin/Cape May Star and Wave Owner Greg Coffey, left, and manager Dan Oliver behind the bar at the C-View Inn at Texas Avenue and Washington Street.

traditional pizza night special, which is offering small and large pizzas for \$3.50 and \$5.50. They also started the rib deal on Mondays, consisting of a half-rack of ribs doused in homemade sauce for \$8.50.

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New iPhone app for CM

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - Local business owners and property managers will have a new means of advertising in June when a new application on the iPhone and other MacIntosh products will be launched for the city, courtesy of Cape May resident Tim Mucha.

Mucha is a Virginia Tech graduate and local realtor for Tolz Realtors on Lafayette. He received a degree in business management and at the end of his college career,

partnered up with a old roommate to create an iPhone application that will benefit local businesses around the area. His partner, Matt Thompson was the designer and programmer for the application, while Mucha has taken on the role of general manager and will be searching for businesses to get involved.

The "app" called "The Cape May Guide," is free to iPhone, iPad and iTouch users who download it. It will feature a catego-

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