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18	9:19	9:41	3:06	3:05
19	10:10	10:30	3:58	3:55
20	11:02	11:20	4:49	4:47
21	11:55		5:40	5:40
22	12:10	2:49	6:31	6:35
23	1:02	1:46	7:23	7:33
24	1:56	2:43	8:14	8:33
25	2:51	3:38	9:04	9:33

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Deed, COI says LTRS required to offer free service

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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VILLAS – Neighbors who have been involved in a dispute with the Lower Township Rescue Squad have questioned the validity of the operation because it is charging for services.

Bob Weber, a neighbor of the LTRS building on Georgia Avenue, presented Lower Township Council with a copy of the deed (dated Feb. 28, 1961) for the property and a copy of the rescue squad's certificate of incorporation. The deed says the property was sold to the Lower Township Rescue Squad by

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– LT resident Bob Weber

the Charles Buddy Lewis Veterans Home Association for \$1,000. Contained in the deed is the provision, "Also this conveyance is made under and subject to the condition that the Lower Township Rescue quad continue to operate its ambulance or ambulances as a non-

profit organization, with no charge to the beneficiaries, but on a voluntary donation basis only, except to people picked up outside of Lower Township. And that in the event that said Rescue Squad discontinues the operation on this basis, the title to the above described premises

shall immediately vest in the Township of Lower, its successors or assigns, without the necessity of any legal action to enforce this contingent remainder."
Weber then quoted from the Certificate of Incorporation, dated March 3, 1959, which after declaring the name of the rescue squad, says the purpose of the Lower Township Rescue Squad is to render first aid and "b) To transport (free of charge) the injured and sick to or from hospitals and other places for medical treatment and care."
Weber introduced these documents at Monday's Lower Township Council

meeting, when council introduced Ordinance 2011-11, which authorized a 10-year lease of township property to the rescue squad.
"I don't see why you would renew their lease when they are operating illegally," Weber said.
Council did not respond immediately to the allegations of the rescue squad operating illegally, and Township Solicitor Mike Donohue said he needed to look at the documents.
Weber raised more interest, at least from Mayor Mike Beck, when he said LTRS
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What should Cape May look like 20 years from now?

Citizens respond to question from PECAC

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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CAPE MAY – What should Cape May look like in 20 years?

Cape May's Plan Endorsement Citizens Advisory Committee is trying to find what residents and property owners would like Cape May to look like 20 years down the road, and its not from mere curiosity.

As Cape May seeks to obtain Plan Endorsement from the State of New Jersey, one step in the process includes the creation of a community vision for the future. Engineer and professional planner, Craig Hurlless, sits on the board as the city's professional for the Plan Endorsement process. Hurlless described the Plan Endorsement process, explaining that the state is trying to create conformity in municipal planning across the state. As a benefit to the individual municipalities, the state is giving them preference when awarding grants and low interest loans. But the state is also interested in what citizens want their individual communities to look like down the road.

In that mean, the city is looking for public input in order to create a Community Visioning statement, as it is called in Plan Endorsement.
"The most important asset is your comments," Hurlless said. "We want a broad swath of what you want your community to look like."
Hurlless listed very few constraints with regard to public comment, but said there were logical constraints to visioning.
"We're not shooting for the moon, but are trying to raise the bar," he said.
PECAC member Meryl Simon-Nelson opened by giving one of her visions for the futures.
"We need more children in town," she said.
Peer Schmidtchen said children in Cape May give it the timbre it needs, but acknowledged it is hard for young families to afford to start a home in Cape May.
Business owner and resident Paul Johnson said he was raised in Cape May. He said there are now few children here and he believes no one planned that. Johnson said he would like the city to facilitate better communication with the state, to be more business friendly, and to consider allowing beach taxis in Cape May to bring people in and be available to take them back again.
Bed and Breakfast owner
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LCMR Prom at Naval Air Station Wildwood

Lower Cape May Regional High School held its 2011 Prom at the Naval Air Station Wildwood, which is now an aviation history museum. Among the many prom-goers were, above left to right, Susie Booth, Zach LaTorre, Hamilton Wilde and Monty LaSasso. See more photos on page A10.

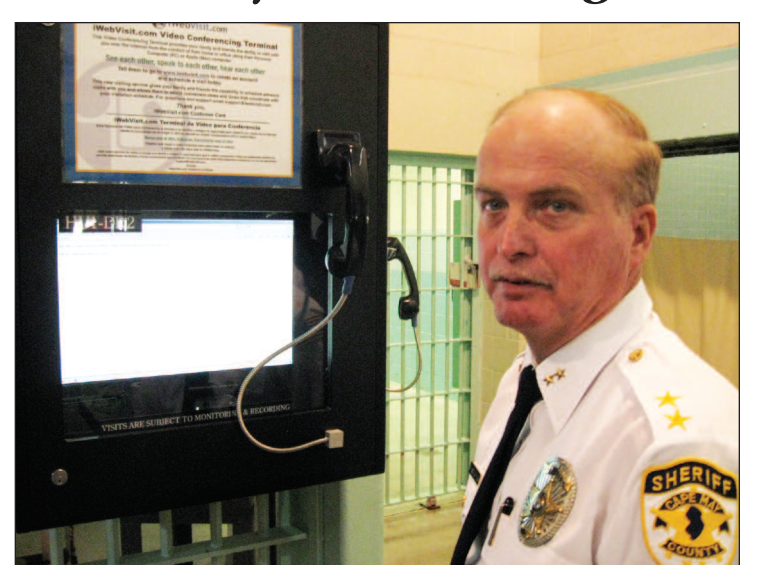
New visitation system at jail

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE – The Cape May County Correctional Facility has become something of a pioneer in communication.

Cape May County Sheriff Gary Schaffer announced the jail is the first in the nation to offer visitation of inmates from anywhere in the world through the use of the Internet.

Schaffer said the contract through Rob Avery of iWebVisit.com, which took effect May 1, allows inmates to visit with friends and family through a SKYPE program on the Internet. With the use of this program, you can sit at your computer and see and hear the person you are talking to through a live feed. He said this new technology is a "win-win" for everyone involved.
Schaffer said it would increase safety for the correctional officers since they will not have to transport



Cain Chamberlin/Cape May Star and Wave

Above is Sheriff Gary Schaffer with the new SKYPE device for inmate visitation at the Cape May County Correctional Center. prisoners back and forth to the visitation area. He said it would increase visitation for inmates, which he said is important in the rehabilitation process, and it would also be more convenient for friends and families of inmates to use the computer instead of paying for gas and
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Fishermen's Energy gets final two permits needed

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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CAPE MAY – Fishermen's Energy, LLC, of New Jersey has received state permits from the New Jersey State House Commission for a Green Acres and the Tideland Council, which were the remaining state permits required to commence construction of the Fishermen's Atlantic City Windfarm.

Fishermen's Energy received DEP approval for building the six wind turbines in April and needed these final two permits to get the project underway off the shore of Atlantic City. The DEP issued several permits for the project's

continuation, such as the Coastal Area Facility Review Act (CAFRA) Individual Permit, the Water Development Permit and the Water Quality Certificate after reviewing the project application.

Rhonda Jackson, Fishermen's Energy Director of Communications and Outreach told the Star and Wave in April that Fishermen's Energy hired independent contractor, Geo-Marine, Inc., (GMI) to study and survey the location chosen for the project. For the past year, GMI has carefully monitored the avian, marine mammal and sea turtle activity in the area before construction could begin and has recently

finished compiling their data.

The Fishermen's Energy organization, located at 985 Ocean Drive in Cape May, is a community-based offshore wind developer started in 2007. Commercial fisherman of east coast fishing companies founded the group in response to the public's need to use the ocean for renewable wind energy. This will mark the first major wind energy project for the group.

Jackson said the Atlantic City Windfarm will produce approximately 25 megawatts of power, which could provide electricity to 10,000 or more average size,
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Heated water argument in WCM

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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WEST CAPE MAY – A heated argument ensued during the public portion of last Wednesday's Board of Commissioners meeting after Mayor Pamela Kaithern announced that Cape May City shut off the Wilbraham Park water meter. Kaithern said this was because the

replacement custom meter will not be available until September, instead of June, when it was scheduled to be installed.

Kathy Gallagher of the West Cape May Taxpayers Association said she held Kaithern and every member of council accountable for the delays in finding a solution to the water problem.
"I'm a citizen and a taxpayer-

er in this community," she said. "People in this community have been paying for water for years that was never used."
"We are very well aware of the problem – we pay for water too," Deputy Mayor Peter Burke said.
He said the meter being turned off was not disclosed
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