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4/30	10:03	10:23	3:52	3:50
5/1	10:50	11:07	4:40	4:35
5/2	11:37	11:54	5:28	5:21
5/3		12:27	6:18	6:10
5/4	12:43	1:21	7:09	7:04
5/5	1:36	2:20	8:01	8:04
Last Quarter			5/6	
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Full Moon			5/27	
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Perigee			5/20	

Parking Meters are on as of May 1. Feed a meter, save a ticket.

WEATHER ALMANAC

BY WAYNE ROOP

APRIL - Normals: 61°/44°, 3.58"	
	High Low Precip.
15	72° 48°
16	76° 50° .09"
17	66° 47°
18	60° 43°
19	66° 46°
20	68° 40°
21	59° 44° .45"

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Cape May seeks judgement on referendum

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - The City of Cape May filed an action with the Superior Court of New Jersey seeking a declaratory judgment on the referendum initiated to stop meters from being placed on the east end of Beach Avenue.

The city is asking the court to rule on the validity of the petition for a referendum, claiming ordinances pertaining to traffic and parking are not subject to referendum.

Commissioner urges residents to vote for new mayor in 2013

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

WEST CAPE MAY - In 2009 West Cape May Commissioner Ramsey Geyer ran on a slate with incumbents Peter Burke and Mayor Pam Kaithern, but after a nearly a year on the job, Geyer is no longer sees himself as being in agreement with Kaithern.

In March, Geyer posted a comment after a story on the Cape May County Herald's website suggesting people not reelect Kaithern. The comment came at the end of a post critical of the way the borough handled a water loss problem that has cost residents \$695,000 over the past seven years. Geyer, who made the comments under the user name "wcm resident," said Kaithern was the common denominator in the last three administrations when the problem occurred.

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'We're not suing anyone, we're not asking for damages.'

-City Solicitor Anthony Monzo

"We're asking for a declaratory judgment," City Solicitor Anthony Monzo said. "We're not suing anyone, we're not asking for damages. We're just asking the court to decide if issues of parking and traffic regulations are not subject to referendum."

But in a statement from the Friends and Neighbors of East Cape May (FAN ECM), a group formed to fight the placement of parking meters in a residential portion of Beach Avenue, the group said the petitioners are being sued.

"They had to find defendants. The petition was certified as good, now they need to find an object to take this to court. The defendants are the supervising committee of five. It's like choosing any of the voters, and they are trying to shoehorn these ordi-

nances into the narrow exemptions that exist in the voter referendum statutes," James Testa, a FAN ECM spokesman said.

Monzo said the city's position in the matter is not just about east Cape May or Beach Avenue, but the whole integrity of traffic and parking regulations in the city of Cape May.

"What the city does not want is to have, through referendum, residents deciding

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Mr. LCMR paints the town red!

Derrick Lutz, above center, turned up the heat at the Mr. LCMR competition at Lower Cape May Regional High School, April 22. Lutz performed a lip-sync and dance routine to Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance," but at the end of the night, Chucky Nagel walked away with the Mr. LCMR crown, as well as being named Mr. Congeniality and winning the talent award. See page A10 for more photos.

My big, fab Greek father

By MARIA ANDY-TETTAMANTI
Special to The Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - Most folks do not truly know my father, Gus Andy. Sure, he's the proprietor of the La Mer Beachfront Inn, a fixture at city council meetings and a die-hard Cape May denizen for over four decades - but to many, the laconic Greek is an enigma of sorts. A hard-working hermit, if you will. And he likes to keep it that way. But it's my wish to share with you the very complicated puzzle that is my often-talked about dad.

He was born Costas Antoniadis in 1938 in a small northern Greek village by the name of Velvendo. Quaint and rustic, Velvendo boasts aromatic peach orchards, cafés and sweeping mountain views. Hilly and verdant, the village is reminiscent of a picture postcard depicting a sleepy European town. My dad lived in a spacious brick home alongside his parents, Vasiliki and Yioryos and siblings Maria, Yiannis and Katerina.

Oftentimes, when my father reflects on his childhood, his main memory is, morosely,

World War II. Like many families during the war, Nazi troops forced his family out of their home leaving them no other choice but to escape their beloved country of Greece. My dad always talks about this dark period of his life with saddening stories such as, "We had nothing but old salami to eat for days," and "We didn't have electricity for months" or "My father

In 1951, at the age of 13, my father and his family moved to Chicago in search of a better life - the so-called American Dream. Without uttering a smidgen of English, the Antoniadis family was forced to assimilate to entirely new language and culture. Trying hard to make ends meet, my father worked as a dishwasher and his parents were janitors. My father

constantly reminds us that the entire clan worked long hours and struggled financially for many years. Adding on to their strife, his eldest sister Maria passed away at the age of 8 due to a brain tumor. With crushed hearts and spirits, the family moved to Miami in search of warmer weather

because his youngest sister Katerina developed a chronic cold and needed a better climate. Matters were destined to look brighter.

In Miami, my father attended Miami High School and worked as a paperboy. During the summers, his family would visit a relative who owned a cotton candy stand in Wildwood. In

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Photo courtesy of Maria Andy-Tetamanti

Gus Andy and his ever-expanding family at a family gathering.

had to flee and live in the mountains" and "My aunt lost her hearing due to a nearby bomb explosion" to "Everything we had was taken away from us." Sure, I found these accounts infinitely annoying as a child but now I really think highly of my dad for having the courage to live through a life-shattering war - but it was the challenges ahead that really make me admire him.

Free Meal Center receives local help

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE - The Free Meal Center being set up on Route 9 in Burleigh has a long way to go before it opens, but it was getting a helping hand toward that goal Saturday.

Many hands actually, as about 20 people each from Boy Scout Troop 79 of Upper Township and the Church of Latter Day Saints of Jesus Christ in Cape May Court House were on hand to help with the day's activities included landscaping, painting inside and out, repairing picnic tables, putting up vinyl siding on the building, and fixing the main sign.

Meanwhile, volunteer carpenters from Local 1743 were working inside to transform three rooms into one large dining room. Douglas Jewell, the center's board chairman and onsite manager, said about 25 carpenters have donated their time, as have plumbers and electricians. Jewell said removing the walls was the only thing for which they needed a per-

mit.

According to Jewell, the building they took possession of on March 15 had been empty for two years and was a couple of years away from being a tear-down. Jewell said the 4,000 square foot building on two acres of ground was perfect for what he wanted to do, but was lacking kitchen equipment. Since the project began, the center has had about \$30,000 worth of kitchen equipment donated, including a range hood from the former Tisha's Restaurant in Cape May. The city of Cape May donated the hood. Jewell said they need at least one more 12-foot hood, an ice machine and a dishwasher.



Douglas Jewell, right, talks to a volunteer outside the Free Meal Center in Burleigh.

Jewell would also like to do the concrete kitchen floor in ceramic tile. "We need about 2,000 square feet, but it will come," he said.

Jewell is optimistic people will provide what is needed to open The Free Meal Center, but there are ongoing needs as well. "The big thing is money. We are purchasing the

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