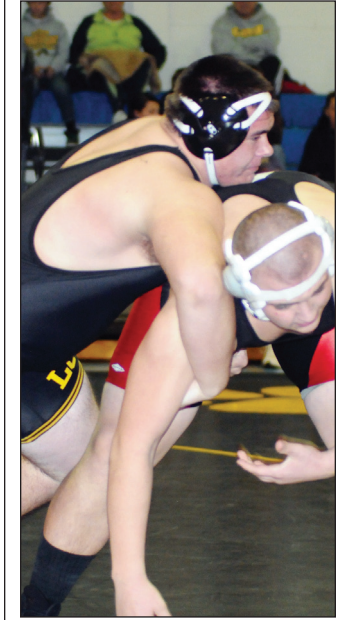




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## Lower Township Council split on appointments

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
Cape May Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP – Several key council appointments failed after Lower Township Council voted 2-2 in the absence of former Ward 2 Councilman Erik Simonsen.

A tie vote on a governing body means the matter being voted on cannot pass.

On Jan. 4, Lower Township Council was given the option to appoint Simonsen's replacement, and Councilman Tom Conrad nominated former Lower Township Mayor Walt Craig. Current Mayor Mike Beck and Councilman Glenn Douglass voted against

*'I want the public to know where I stand.'*

– LT Councilman Glenn Douglass

Craig's appointment. Two years ago, Beck opposed ran for mayor based in part on Craig's record. Beck has cited the previous administration as having given away lucrative labor contracts he believes the township cannot afford.

Douglass opposed Craig

within the Republican ranks, which opted not to nominate Craig for reelection. Douglass's decision was based in part on a DWI charge Craig battled in court in 2008.

Conrad and Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare voted to appoint Craig to the Ward 2 council-

man position.

Craig indicated he had received a phone call from Solicitor Mike Donohue in which a name had been brought up.

"I had a difficult time with that phone call," Douglass said.

The nomination of Craig and the split vote suggested the name brought up was Craig's.

Prior to the vote, Donohue informed council of the process for filling a vacancy on council. He said a vacancy triggers a process. He said because Lower Township has partisan elections, the party recommends candidates to fill the vacancy. The council

is given the opportunity to vote on the party's recommendation. Council has 30 days from the date of the vacancy to fill the position. If the candidate fails to get a majority vote, as in the case of a tie, the appointment reverts back to the local party committee. The party committee can then choose the successor.

Douglass said he believes the public should pick the new Ward 2 councilman. Lare told Douglass he was confused over his objections.

"Is your problem with the process...do you want a spe

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## CM hires firm to replace water meters

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – Cape May City Council authorized an agreement with Van Note-Harvey Associates of Cape May Court House for engineering services to replace two master water meters at Wilbraham Park and Canning House Lane.

The replacement of the meters comes after a loss of around 17 million gallons of water purchased from the city by West Cape May. The water loss or miscalculation of water use have been the topic of many discussions at borough meetings over a number of years.

West Cape May hired Eden Water Resource Recovery to examine and calibrate the water system in early 2011. In March 2011, Eden discovered the meter near Wilbraham Park was too large in diameter and recommended it be replaced.

At a Dec. 20, 2011 meeting, Cape May City Council approved a \$13,000 engineering services contract with Van Note-Harvey to have the two meters replaced. According to Cape May Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman, the city received bids from engi-

neering services of \$13,000 to \$26,000 and \$30,000, and chose to go with the lowest bidder. He initially feared taking the lowest bid because he thought it might have been a miscalculated cost by the bidder, considering it was so inexpensive compared to the other engineering services.

Wichterman said Councilman William Murray, a former engineer, looked over the bid proposals and said there was nothing wrong with accepting the lowest bid. "It can be done for what they quoted," Murray said at the meeting.

West Cape May Mayor Pam Kaithern said the process of replacing the meters and trying to solve the water loss issue has taken longer than anyone had originally anticipated.

Kaithern said Van-Note Harvey was hired to do the "pit work" because the new meter will not fit in the pit or hook-up to what is there. She said the meter being designed would need to be a two-phase style meter that will measure high and low water flow.

"When they did the upgrade and we agreed, there was no sense putting in something

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## New freeholders sworn in

New Jersey Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno administers the oath of office to Freeholder Kristine Gabor, top photo, as son SNNM Richard Gabor, USCG Reserve, husband Richard, and son Christopher look on. Above, Guadagno congratulates Freeholder Will Morey after administering the oath of office. Looking on are his son Kyle and wife Janice. The new freeholders were sworn in Jan. 5 at the Board of Chosen Freeholders reorganization meeting.

## Gabor and Morey sworn as freeholders

### Third woman to be freeholder believes gender not main issue

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE – Newly seated Freeholder Kristine Gabor said she is ready to tackle the duties of freeholder. Although she is only the third woman to ever serve on the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Gabor doesn't see that as particularly relevant. At the same time, she feels women do have different qualities than men.

The first woman to serve on the freeholder board was Phyllis Genovese, who served one, three-year term from 1993 to 1996. She was followed by Susan Sheppard, who was sworn in on Jan. 4, 2011.

"I don't like to classify people. It's about what we are willing to bring to the table," Gabor said.

On the other hand, Gabor said women are generally good listeners and more compassionate.

"That's not to say men aren't – men are – but we have a tendency to listen more," she said.

Gabor said she believes when it comes to elected boards, people like to see a mixed gender group.

"We all have different opinions, different personalities, and men and woman are different," she said. "When you put those together you have a great mixture."

Gabor said when Sheppard, who was elected Freeholder Vice-director, started her term as freeholder she wanted to make sure government was more transparent and open, working in an open honest way.

"The rest of us all want to have more open, honest work sessions, and want to bridge the gaps between the county and municipalities," she said.

Gabor takes over as the county's Director of Health and Human Services, overseeing such departments as the Crest Haven Nursing Home, Fare Free Transportation, the Department of Aging, and Social Services. She will also function along with Freeholder Leonard Desiderio as an Insurance Fund Commissioner.

Gabor said it would be comforting to know Thornton, the former Director of Health and Human Services was still on the board.

"Absolutely. It's a large department and quite a bit of an undertaking. That he will assist me and guide me is very comforting," she said.

Gabor said she would eventually look at every aspect of every department to see what needs to be done for them to run more efficiently.

Gabor said operating with a balanced budget is always a priority.

"When talking about taxpayer money, the budget is a main concern," she said.

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## Cheese shop wins major award

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
Cape May Star and Wave

WEST CAPE MAY – Stephen and Barbara White of the Seaside Cheese Company are proof that small business owners can become a true success story even in today's struggling economy.

The Seaside Cheese Company at 600 Park Boulevard in West Cape May, was recently the recipient of a New Jersey Small Business Development Center (NJSBDC) Success Award after realizing its biggest annual profit since it opened in December 2006. Stephen said his shop has won other awards like Best of the Shore in New Jersey Magazine and Philadelphia Magazine, as well as the Herbert Moser Spirit Award in 2007, but this particular award set him apart from all the rest. He said Seaside Cheese was the only Cape May County business to receive an NJSBDC Success Award this year.

He and his wife Barbara got



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Above, Barbara and Stephen White at their "Seaside Cheese" shop in West Cape May.

involved with the NJSBDC in February 2011, when Stephen met with Regional Director Joe Molineaux who thought the shop had a great deal of potential. He helped the couple obtain a \$30,000 micro loan from the Cooperative Business Assistance Corporation, which Stephen said helped immensely.

Aside from the loan, Stephen

said the NJSBDC gave him free assistance in the analysis of marketing, inventory issues and realistic growth strategies.

"Whether you're a successful small business or not, go see what they can do for you," he said. "Times are tough, and it's an extra set of eyes to

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