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	A.M.	P.M.
27	1:58 2:17	8:07 8:15
28	3:05 3:29	9:16 9:19
29	4:09 4:35	10:21 10:20
30	5:07 5:33	11:18 11:15
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Meter contributes to West Cape May water loss

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
Cape May Star and Wave

WEST CAPE MAY – After a long, systematic examination of the West Cape May and Cape May City water systems, Edens Resource Recovery could have possibly found the reason for high water loss in the borough, which is an oversized master meter in Wilbraham Park.

West Cape May Mayor Pamela Kaithern said as of now, the master meter is only a contributing factor to the problem and may not be the ultimate answer to the water

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–WCM Mayor Pam Kaithern

issue.

“Our experts conclusion was that the meter was oversized,” she said. “We’re not sure if it’s the entire problem.”

Kaithern said the master meter was inaccurately cal-

culating the amount of water flow during low rates of flow. When the system was pumping 30 to 40 gallons of water or more per minute the meter was accurate, but when it fell below that amount it did not measure the water flow cor-

rectly.

Edens was hired by the borough on Mar. 24, 2010 to find a solution to the dilemma. According to Kaithern, Edens professionals along with Cape May City professionals did numerous calibrations of the five master meters in and out of the borough in December. When these tests were performed, the meter worked and calibrated fine but they eventually came to the realization that the meter was too large for that particular system. Kaithern said the meter will be replaced as soon as possible.

She said once the meter is replaced, they will look at the new calculations, which will help measure the actual amount of water since the issues started years ago. There were major discrepancies between the amount of water purchased by the borough from Cape May and the amount of water billed to West Cape May residents.

Kathy Gallagher of the West Cape May Taxpayers Association attended borough meetings for months and repeatedly questioned the

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Lower Township’s Douglass announces county freeholder bid

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP – Councilman Glenn Douglass said he has decided to throw his hat in the ring for the next freeholder race after the announcement by Freeholders Dan Beyel and

‘I had to win to get the support of the party...I guess you could say I’m an out-cast.’

– LT Councilman
Glenn Douglass

Ralph Sheets that they would not see reelection in November.

At this point, Douglass is planning to send a letter of intent to the county Republican organization, but has unofficially submitted his name as a candidate. Douglass said this year the Republican committee was instituting a county-wide convention in March for all the elected county committee members.

“I believe it’s March 9 – I don’t have all the particulars,” Douglass said in a phone interview.

Douglass said he believes the committee is working toward a fairer process of selecting candidates, but he also believes the fairest process is to allow everyone who chooses to run to have their name on a ballot in the primary, and the winners go on to the general election.

“That, to me, is the fairest way. The current

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Down on the ice

Geese and swans seen on Lily Lake, have natural down that keeps them warm when their natural habitat turns to ice.

Resident poet: Jack Walters

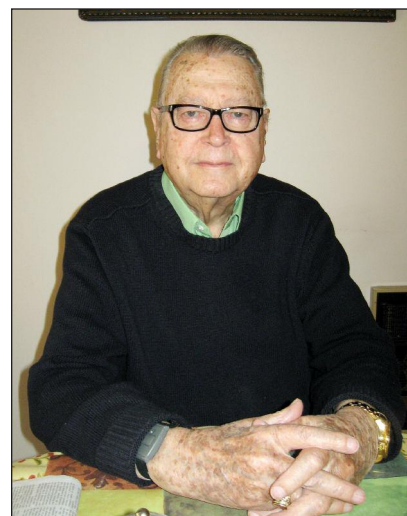
By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
Cape May Star and Wave

VILLAS – Despite all his accomplishments in broadcasting and journalism throughout his long life, Jack Walters considers his poetry to be the most important achievement of all.

Because of his love for poetry, Walters, 93, now hosts a class every Thursday at the Lower Township Branch Library from 6 to 7 p.m. where students bring in their own work and read it out loud to spark discussion.

“I don’t like to dominate the class with my poetry,” he said. “I pretty much let everyone else run the show.”

The class started earlier this month and will continue into the summer months according to Walters. He had read some his own poems at the Cape May



Jack Walters

County Library, and they were so intrigued by his work, they asked if he would be interested in host-

ing a class at the Lower Township Branch closer to his home. Walters jumped at the chance.

The poem Walters is most proud of is his piece titled, “Saigon,” which is about a Buddhist nun who set herself on fire in protest of the Vietnam War.

“It’s the poem I think is my masterpiece,” he said.

Walters said he saw a wire photo of the incident after it had happened and wrote the poem in a more journalistic fashion, as if he were describing the photo over the radio.

“I wrote it as if I were writing it for Ed Murrow,” he said.

Walters worked with Edward R. Murrow at CBS after he was the first newsmen on the scene at the Long Island Railroad disaster during the 1940s. The train crash left

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LT Council members want MAB changed

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
Cape May Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP – An effort to alter the name and configuration of the Mayor’s Advisory Board is still on the mind of Councilman Thomas Conrad, but Mayor Mike Beck would prefer it remain as is.

The MAB is currently a nine-member panel that consists of five members, which are chosen by the mayor. The deputy mayor and council members then each choose one member to make a total of nine. Originally, the board had 25 members all chosen by the mayor until it was changed in 2009.

Conrad would like it to change yet again, making it a 10-member board where everyone on the board chooses two members. The ward councilmen would each choose two residents from their ward while the mayor and deputy mayor choose anyone from the township. He would also like to change the name so it wouldn’t sound as if the board was strictly used for the mayor’s benefit.

Councilmen Glenn Douglass, Erik

Simonsen, and Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare supported Conrad’s recommendations.

“I like the idea of each councilman having two picks and the group itself electing a chairman,” Lare said.

“This may come as a shock, but I’m defending the MAB,” the solo independent Beck said.

Beck has been standing by the MAB current state since these ideas of altering it were brought up in December. He said every member of council, with the exception of Simonsen who was not there at the time, voted in favor of the current MAB configuration when it began two years ago.

“Gee, I wonder what has changed since then,” he said.

Beck said since the council became a 4-1 Republican organization in December, he as the only Independent has become a target.

He suggested each member of the council create their own “mini-boards,” if they wanted to pick their own advisory members and leave

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Beach project underway at Cove

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – Wind and waves take away and drop off sand at the Cove Beach, but the popular bathing spot is now the site of a Army Corps of Engineers restoration project.

The three-phase project includes placing 160,000 cubic yards of sand on the beach from the Third Avenue groin, the terminus of Beach Avenue, about 1,900 yards to the west.

“This is part of a 50-year commitment between the State of New Jersey and the Corps to place sand every so many years,” said ACOE project manger Dwight Pakin.

Pakin said the ACOE puts in for the money two years in advance,



Christopher South/Cape May Star and Wave
Equipment placing sand on the Cove Beach.

but they can’t be sure what the condition of the beach will be two years down the road. They refer to long-term erosion rates and a feasibility study to estimate how they will renourish beaches during the

50-year plan.

The entire contract, he said, involves placing sand in three specific areas: from the Third Avenue groin, through the Nature Conservancy-Migratory Bird Refuge and Cape May Point State Park, through the first six groin cells in Cape May Point.

“There is a certain level of protection, a certain width of beach to be maintained,” Pakin said. “When it goes below that level we try to fill it. That’s why we are targeting cer-

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