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## Cape May Stage offers humorous 'An Actor's Carol'

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# Committee: Manage available parking better

## Higher rates in prime areas, dependable shuttle, new meters suggested

By JACK FICHTER  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — The city's Municipal Parking Advisory Committee has recommended better management of the city's existing parking spaces and doubling meter rates in prime parking areas such as the beachfront and mall as a way to ease the persistent problem.

The committee offered recommendations Nov. 7 during a City Council meeting. Committee co-chair Bonnie Cassells said

"I think it's a matter of education. You have to have a sign coming into town with arrows, "free evening park and lock." People like the word "free."  
—Committee member Bob Elwell

the group looked at a possible off-site parking area and walked into town on the railroad tracks.

"There's areas on that rail line that are eroded and so we thought, "not a good idea," she said.

The owner of Cape May Trolley Co. and Richard Zeghibe, president and founder of Patriot Parking in Philadelphia, met with the committee. Cassells said Zeghibe presented an amazing amount of insight to the committee.

"He changed the whole direction of our process," she said.

Cassells said Zeghibe introduced the concept of performance pricing to the committee. In the world of parking, the most valuable parking spaces should be priced higher, she said he

told them.

"If they are priced appropriately, then there will be availability so when folks come into town, they should be able to find a parking space," Cassells said.

She said the most expensive place to park in Cape May is the Acme lot at \$4 per hour. Cassells said parking in that lot is almost always available.

The committee is recommending increasing parking rates to \$2 per hour in the red and yellow zones. The red zone runs along Beach Avenue from

Gurney Street to the cove. The yellow zone covers side streets off Beach Avenue to Lafayette Street including Ocean, Decatur, Jackson, Perry and Congress streets, plus South Lafayette Street. Cassells said she believes the \$2-per-hour parking fee would make more spaces available.

"Folks that have been typically feeding the meter all day at \$1 per hour might not do it," she said.

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## Mullock gets most votes in council race

Republicans sweep elections in Lower

By JACK FICHTER  
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CAPE MAY — A total of 2,854 votes were cast in Cape May's Council election. Zack Mullock received the highest total at 770 votes, or 28 percent, followed by Stacy Sheehan with 713, or 25 percent, and Shaine Meier with 587 votes, winning all three a seat on council.

Meier narrowly defeated John Van de Vaarst, who received 557 votes. Mark DiSanto received 215 votes. A total of 12 write-in votes were received. Cape May received 609 mail-in ballots.

In District 3, which includes Victorian Towers, Mullock led with 174 votes, followed by Sheehan with 138 and Meier with 109. In District 4, which includes the Village Green section of Cape May, Mullock led with 142 votes, followed by Sheehan with 126 and John Van de Vaarst with 117 votes. Both districts are considered critical for an election win in Cape May, having a larger year-round population.

According to the Cape May County Board of Elections website, in Lower Township's Ward 1 race, Republican incumbent Tom Conrad received 1,455 votes, or 60 percent, to Democratic challenger Carmela Pallotta's 952 votes, or 39 percent.

In Ward 2, Republican incumbent David Perry received 1,752 votes, or 60 percent, to Democratic challenger Thomas Poussart's 1,141 votes, or 39 percent.

In Ward 3, Republican incumbent Roland Roy received 2,074 votes, or 62 percent, to Democratic challenger Chris Marlowe's 1,268, or 38 percent.

Lower Cape May Regional Board of Education member Harry Sundstrom Jr. ran unchallenged and was re-elected with 840 votes, or 99 percent, to represent Cape May on the board. Gary Playford was re-elected to represent Lower Township on the school board with 4,098 votes, or 37 percent. Richard Hooyman was also re-elected to represent the township on the school board with 3,468 votes, or 31 percent. Joseph T. McKenna received 3,369 votes, or 30 percent.

In Cape May, McKenna was re-elected to the Cape May Elementary School Board of Education with 722 votes, or 50 percent. Mark LeMunyon was also re-elected to the board with 674 votes, or 47 percent. A total of 42 write-in votes were received.

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## Honoring those who served

Lee O'Connor, of East Lynne Theatre Company, portrays a World War I doughboy during Cape May's Veterans Day ceremony and rededication of the Soldiers and Sailors monument Nov. 11. See story and more photos in this edition.

## Van Drew taking years of service with him to D.C.

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN  
Sentinel staff

For Jeff Van Drew, a dentist and state senator from Dennis Township, the journey to Washington, D.C., has been filled with public service.

Van Drew, 65, won the Nov. 6 general election for New Jersey's Second Congressional District seat, defeating Republican Seth Grossman, an attorney from Atlantic City who made President Donald Trump's mantra "Make America Great Again" part of his campaign.

A Democrat who will assume an office Republican Frank LoBiondo has held for 24 years, Van Drew called his win "a tremendous honor" and vowed to help change the overtly partisan tone in Washington.

"I think maybe the first thing I'd like to do would be a resolution that all Congresspeople have to act like normal human beings. By that I mean there's extreme partisanship on both sides, the extremism and the mean spiritedness and the lack of ability very often to get anything done because of it I think is harming the country

and hurting our spirit as Americans and I don't think it's good," Van Drew said. "It doesn't mean we'll all agree on all issues. ... It does mean that we should be able to find common ground and compromise."

The final vote was tighter than expected, with Van Drew leading with 52 percent to 46 percent. Van Drew received 126,420 votes, while Grossman netted 111,001 votes.

In September, Stockton University released a poll giving Van Drew a 23-percentage-point lead over Grossman, 55 percent to 32 percent.

Stockton released another poll in October showing Van Drew's lead narrowing over Grossman to 17 percentage points, from 55 percent to 38 percent.

During the election, Van Drew received the most votes from Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland counties, while Grossman triumphed in Salem, Burlington and Ocean counties.

"We are in a very Republican legislative district and a pretty Republican congressional district. We didn't have the same blue tide the rest of the state

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VAN DREW

## Andrzejczak favored to fill vacant Senate seat

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN  
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Before Jeff Van Drew heads to Washington in January to take his oath of office as a congressman representing the Second Congressional District, someone will be chosen to fill the state Senate seat he's held since 2007.

The First Legislative District, which Van Drew represents, encompasses Cape May, Cumberland and parts of Atlantic counties.

According to New Jersey statute, if vacancies occur within legislative sessions, a special election must be called not less than 51 days after the vacancy to fill it. For other vacancies, the party leadership of the representative who is vacating must choose a successor.

Van Drew's Senate term expires in 2021, meaning whoever is appointed to fill the vacancy will serve at least until then.

Van Drew said he supports fellow Democrat Assemblyman Bob Andrzejczak, who has

served with him.

"He's been in the Assembly a number of years, he's a combat war veteran who's had many kinds of experiences including that, so he's been an assemblyman, he's been a combat war veteran, and he's just a good man and I support him for that and I believe he'll be our next state senator," Van Drew said.

Cape May County Democratic Party Chairman Bren-



Andrzejczak

dan Sciarra agreed that Andrzejczak is a likely contender for the soon-to-be-vacant state Senate seat.

"Bob Andrzejczak definitely has the ability to fill that and lead us well. He understands a lot of the veterans issues and issues that will touch each of us. People are really going to enjoy him once they get to know him more. He's

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