It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Cape May area

Cape May’s many hotels and bed & breakfast inns are all lit up for the holidays. They include the Albert Stevens Inn of West Cape May, above; the Blake House on Hughes Street, below left; the Abbey on Gurney Street, below right; and the Cape May's many hotels and bed & breakfast inns are all lit up for the holidays.

Van Drew opts to switch party to Republican

Southern N.J. congressman currying favor with Trump

By Eric Avedissian

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Multiple media sources have reported that U.S. Rep. Jeff Van Drew, D-Atlantic, is considering switching his party affiliation to Republican. Van Drew is said to be somewhat frustrated with the direction of his own party. Van Drew is a freshman congressman from the Third District of South Jersey, which he has represented since January 2019. Van Drew is a Democrat and has been a member of the House of Representatives since 2017.

According to the House Intelligence Committee’s report, the impeachment inquiry found that Trump solicited the interference of a foreign government, Ukraine, to disrupt the presidential election when he allegedly placed his own personal political interests above the national interests of the United States. The report alleges that Trump withheld a military aid package to Ukraine in exchange for the release of an investigation into his political rival, Joe Biden. The report also states that Trump had a private call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to investigate Hunter Biden, Biden’s son, who had served on the board of Burisma Holdings, a Ukrainian natural gas producer.

The report further states that Trump placed his personal political interests above the national security of the United States, watering down the integrity of the U.S. presidential election process, and undermining U.S. national security. According to the report, the impeachment inquiry found evidence that Trump attempted to pressure Ukraine to launch an investigation into Biden.

Lower Twp. staff bids mayor adieu

By Jack Fichter

VILLAS — It was billed on the agenda as a presentation about shared services Monday night, but what really appeared on Lower Township’s agenda was news of the potential resignation of Mayor Erik Simonsen, who rose from his seat as the November election. Township Manager Jon Rupple hinted at an 11-minute video highlighting Simonsen’s career and offering good luck wishes from town staff. Rupple said Simonsen was a standout on Lower Cape May Regional High School’s wrestling team as a student and continued as a coach at the College of New Jersey. Simonsen also made a name for himself at college as a rock musician in the band 22/13, becoming a member of New Jersey’s own rock band. Simonsen also started his career in education at the Cape May County Alternative School.

While at the Alternative School, he made a difference in hundreds of children’s lives as a teacher, also as a musician,” he said.

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