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Nor'easter Batters Brigantine

By Tom Morgan

Anybody who has lived in Brigantine for any length of time knows what to expect from a nor'easter — beach erosion, sand dunes washed away, destroyed beach access steps, and extremely high winds, mostly at our North End beaches. During this nor'easter, however, the South End area near Pepper Cove also took a beating as waves crashed over the jetty, jeopardizing homes and washing away what was left of an already eroded beach. What made this nor'easter different at the North End is the fact that the North End beaches and the seawall/promenade area had already seen significant erosion since a 2023 beach replenishment, which put 850,000 cubic yards of sand on those beaches. The rocks at the bottom of the seawall had been exposed for well over a year; after a replenishment, those rocks would be 15-18 feet under sand, showing just how much beach has eroded away. The sand dunes at the North End beaches, which

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Mayor Vince Sera and Brigantine City Manager Tiger Platt show Governor Mikie Sherrill, Ed Potosank, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and Jeanne Hengemuhle, Acting Superintendent, New Jersey State Police, the damage to the Brigantine seawall and promenade caused by last weekend's nor'easter. (Office of Governor / Tim Larsen)

Gov. Sherrill Tours Brigantine Storm Damage

Governor Mikie Sherrill visited Brigantine to tour the damage from last weekend's powerful nor'easter and meet with Mayor Vince Sera to discuss the city's immediate protection needs and plans for recovery and long-term coastal protection.

Governor Sherrill and Mayor Sera toured the Brigantine Promenade, where the storm caused severe beach erosion and severely damaged the dune system.

At the northern end of the Promenade, the dune system eroded to the point where the ocean came dangerously close to breaching the area. A retaining wall on private property is currently providing the primary protection between the ocean and nearby homes and city infrastructure.

Mayor Sera and Governor Sherrill discussed the need for temporary protection at the end of the Promenade while the city works with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on a longer-term solution.

"We had a very good conversation about what Brigantine needs right now and

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"Storm Activities." (Photo by Bob Coates)

Brigantine Pitch, Hit & Run Winner Advances

By Tom Repici

For the second year in a row, the Brigantine Baseball & Softball Association teamed up with the Brigantine Community School to host an MLB Pitch, Hit & Run event in May. More than 250 students participated in the sprinting, hitting, and throwing events with the hopes of being World Series bound. Based on the number of registered participants, Brigantine students earned a direct bid to the Philadelphia Phillies Championship Round that took place this past Saturday at Citizens Bank Park. Yes, you read that right — the eight winners were lucky enough to have to make the trip to Philadelphia in a nor'easter to compete outside in the rain for three hours. The winners are broken down into male and female divisions with four age groups in each category. Brigantine

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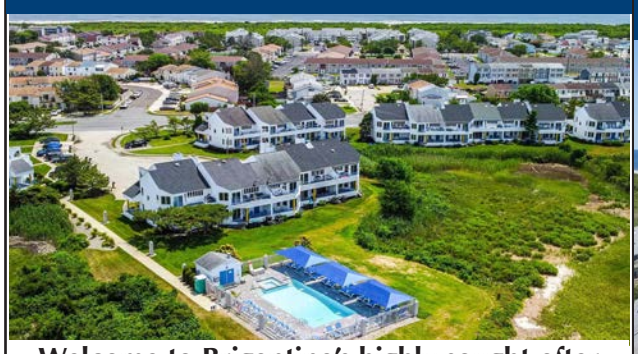
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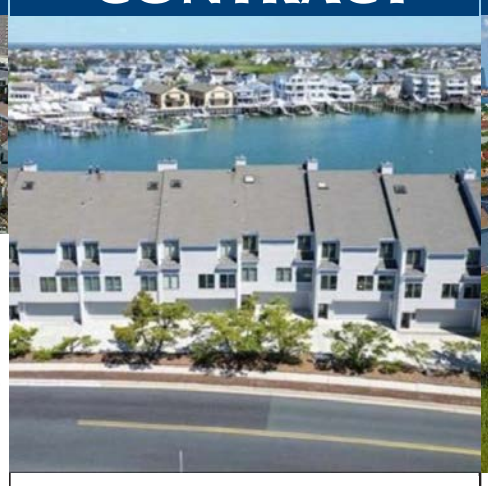
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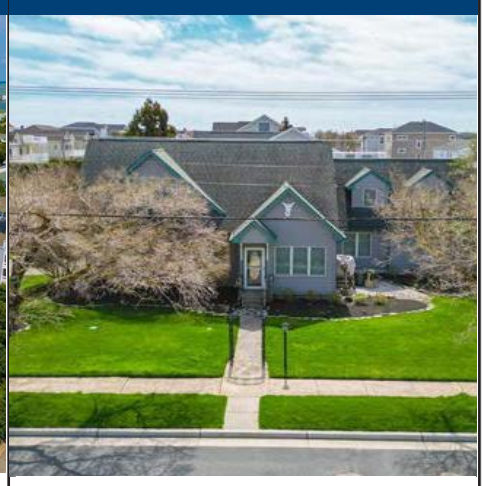
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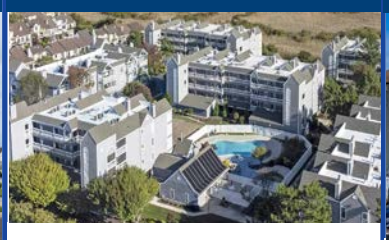
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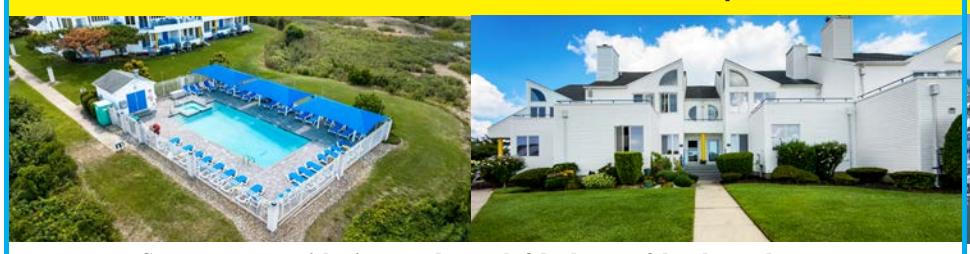


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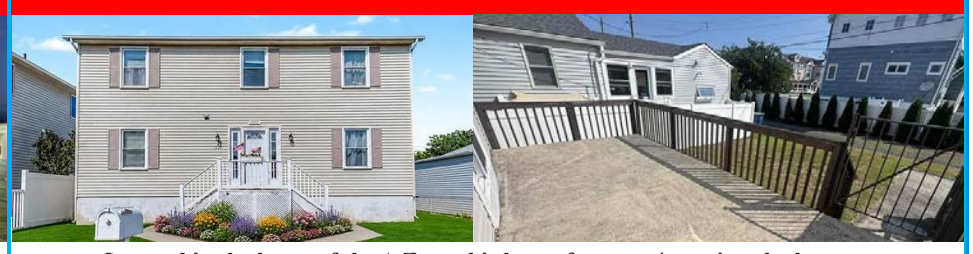
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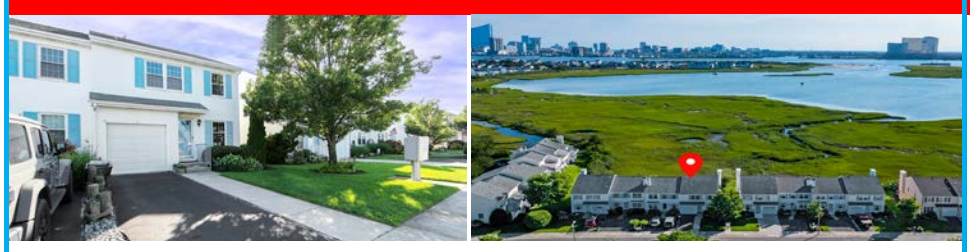
313 29th St. - Offered at $4,445,000.

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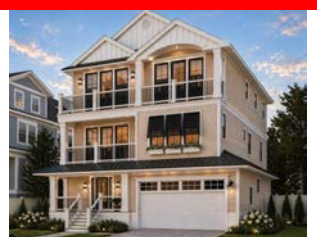
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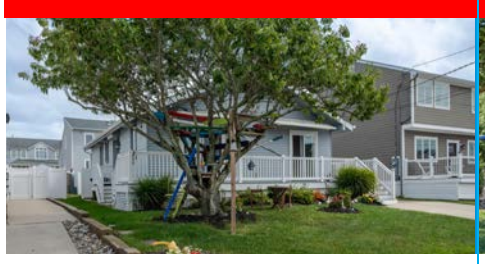
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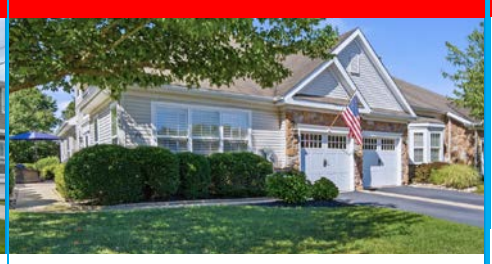
318 South 10th $2,600,000

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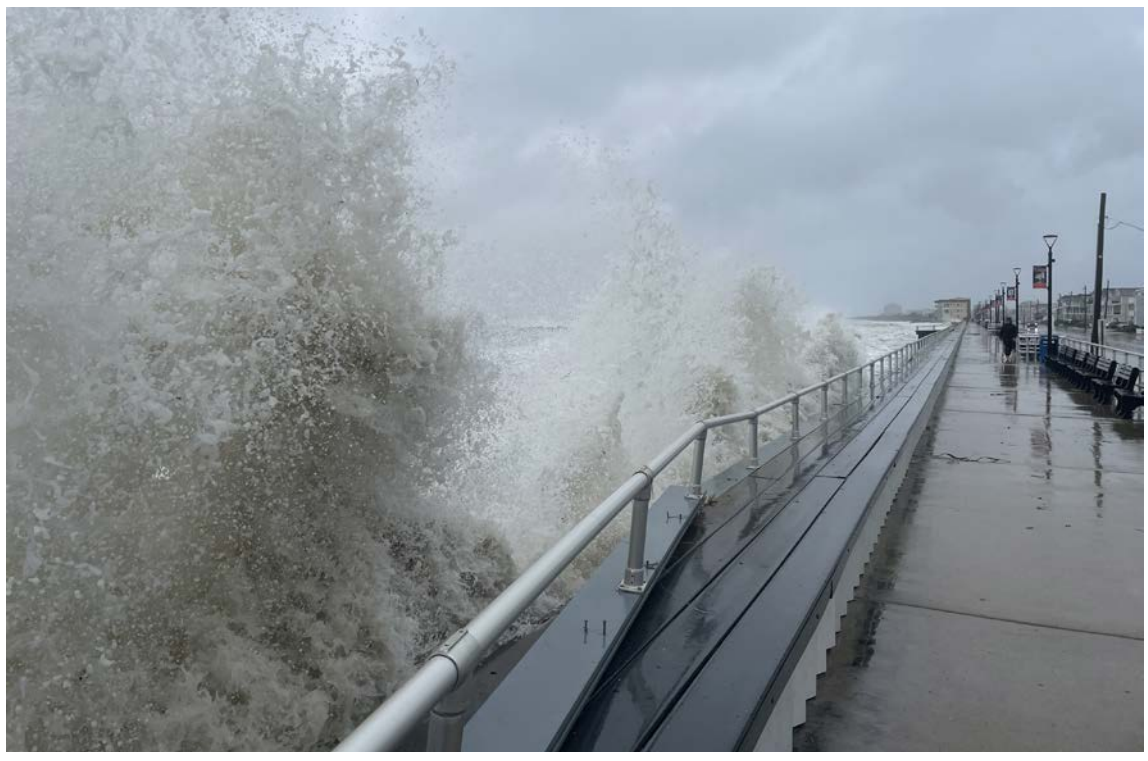


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are the last line of defense protecting homeowners in that area, now have cliffs all along the front of the dunes on beaches that have become really small due to previous erosion. If you were online or watching TV, you might have seen Atlantic City, Ventnor, Margate, Ocean City, Sea Isle City and Wildwood all under water from extreme flooding in the streets. Those streets were sometimes flooded for days. Water was getting into businesses and homes, and people were walking, kayaking, and driving through the saltwater. It's amazing how many people were driving through the saltwater — saltwater will ruin a car in no time unless the undercarriage is immediately washed with fresh water. During a nor'easter, we can expect flooding in low-lying areas when the water breaches the bulkheads, or in areas that aren't bulkheaded, like 26th Street and St. George's, especially when the tides are high and the winds keep the water from draining out, backing up storm drains. Brigantine saw some of the worst street flooding since Superstorm Sandy. Brigantine has flood pumps installed throughout the

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Waves battered the Brigantine seawall and promenade during last weekend's nor'easter.



Mayor Vince Sera answers the media's questions at the Brigantine Promenade during a visit by Governor Mikie Sherrill. The extensive damage to the Seawall and Promenade has gained the focus of the media as the state and local government work toward a solution.

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island to address the flooding; of course, when we get lots of rain and high tides, the pumps can only pump out so much water until the tides go down. For the most part, our street flooding doesn't last long. The good news is that there were no reports of any houses taking on water during the recent nor'easter. If you look at surrounding municipalities, Brigantine has by far the best flood mitigation program in effect. When we get water in the street in low-lying or flood-prone areas, those flood buster pumps push the water out until high tide, when the storm drains usually back up, causing flooding; once the tide goes down, our streets are dry in no time.

One thing that came out of the nor'easter was the wall. The promenade runs to 15th Street North and then bends westward. When the seawall/promenade was built in 1996, there were no houses on 15th Street North, and the existing bulkhead was upgraded to what is there today. Eventually, houses were built on 15th Street North, and everybody thought the seawall and dune line would protect those newly built homes — until Sandy hit. During Sandy, the dunes next to the seawall were breached, pouring water onto the front of the first house on 15th Street North and into the street. Sometime after Sandy, the owner of that house had a retention wall built in the

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Pictured above are local MLB Pitch, Hit, & Run winners Sebastian Edward's, Colbie Calhoun, Sloane Morrison, Kye Doran, and Luca Anton. Not pictured are winners Gavin Emory, Nell Kennedy, and Natalie Cooke.

Sandi Fontana playing live music at the South Jersey Cancer Fund Event that was held at The Cove Bar & Grill. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

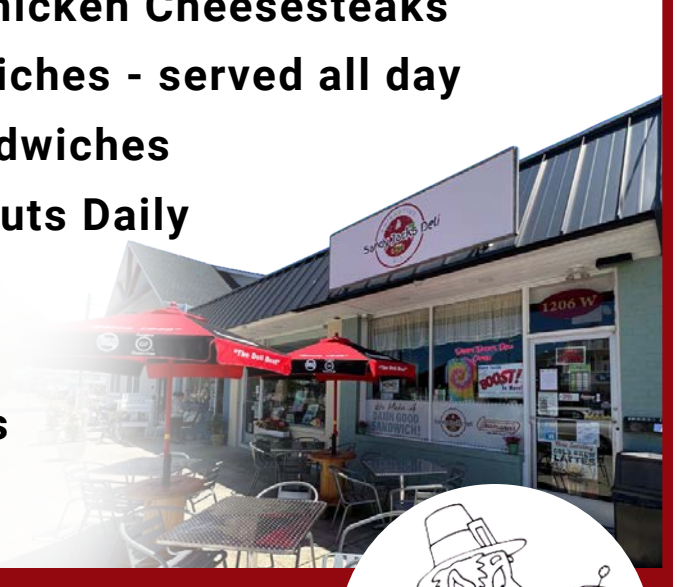




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In referencing 'Shifting Market Trends,' in this week's column, we certainly saw 'shifting sands' on our island over the weekend. Hopefully our residents were spared the brunt of the storm and experienced only minor property flooding. The beaches, on the other hand, took a mighty blow with significant beach erosion. I followed, like all of us, our local officials and city public works departments giving updates and keeping us safe from flooded areas. We look forward to getting more information.

Is today's real estate market shifting? Let's see how recent sales, active competition, and buyer responses can help sellers and their agents make informed pricing decisions as market conditions shift. An effective home pricing strategy considers more than a single estimate. Sellers might see what a property sold for on a nearby street, but they should begin with recent comparable sales. This is where local agents familiar with the town can also show sellers the current competition and how buyers are responding to available properties.

Comparable sales provide evidence of what buyers recently paid for similar homes. You'll need to look for 'comps' such as location, lot size, square footage, age, style and features. In a changing real estate market, look for more recent sales.

The current competition also factors into a pricing decision. The past sales show

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Mrs. LePera, one of the third-grade teachers at BCS, arranged for all of third grade to visit City Hall, the Police Department, and the Firehouse for a lesson in Civics. Fellow 3rd-grade teacher, Mr. Gatto, also attended. (Photo submitted by Mr. Gatto)



Riley O'Brien-Gross, Ella McNally, Genesis Ceron-Castillo, and Penelope Kappatos at meet the teacher night, where they ran their "Starbucs" cart for all to enjoy. They named the cart "Starbucs" in reference to the Brigantine Buccaneers.

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Gov. Sherrill Tours Brigantine Storm Damage

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what we need to do to protect our community going forward," said Mayor Vince Sera. "The erosion at the North End of our island is extremely serious. We need to find a way to provide immediate protection while we work toward a permanent solution. If that retaining wall were to fail during another major storm, the potential damage to the homes and infrastructure in that area would be enormous."



Rich and Karen Santoroski and friends having a great time at the South Jersey Cancer Fund Event this past Monday. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

The mayor and governor also discussed the need for emergency beach replenishment and rebuilding the dune system on the North End of the island. Restoring the beach and dunes would help put more distance between the ocean and the homes and city infrastructure in the area.

The discussion also included longer-term coastal protection measures, including the extension of the seawall at the northern end of the Promenade and the potential use of hard structures such as jetties and groins to help hold sand in place and reduce the energy reaching the shoreline during major storm events.

Mayor Sera also shared with the governor how powerful the waves were during the storm.

"The waves were so powerful that the Promenade would shake every time a large wave hit it," Sera said. "I have never felt the Promenade shake like that before. Seeing the damage in person today made it very clear how much work we have ahead of us."

Mayor Sera said he was particularly impressed with the response from the governor's office during the storm. When the mayor contacted the governor's office Saturday morning, as the storm was reaching its worst conditions, he reported the condition of the Promenade and the potential for a breach at the northernmost part.

"Within about 30 minutes, the State OEM was mobilized and resources were ready to assist if the Promenade breached," Sera said.

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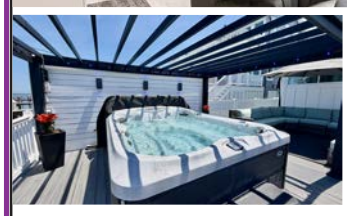
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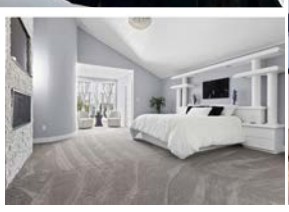
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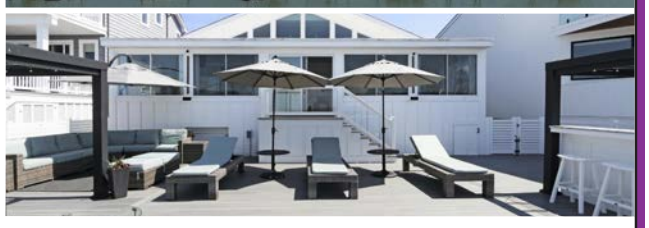












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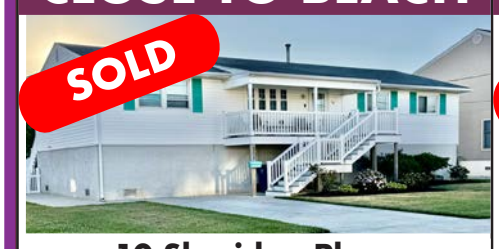
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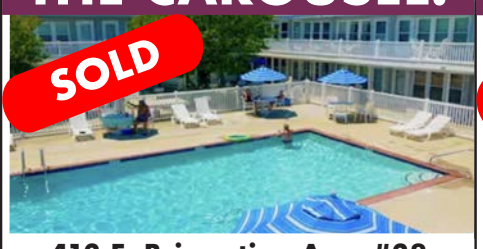
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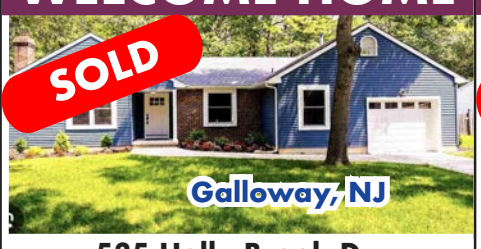
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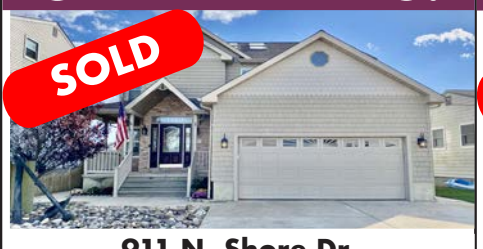
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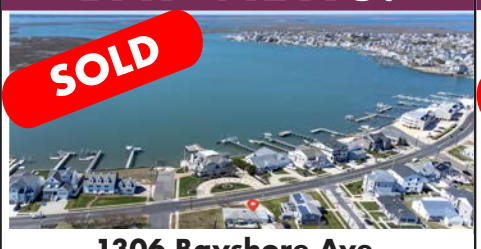
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Third-grade students from BCS tour the City Hall offices. Here, City Manager Tiger Platt shows them around. (Photo submitted by Mr. Gatto)



Mrs. LePera's third-grade class takes a group photo in the city council chamber during their visit to City Hall. (Photo submitted by Mr. Gatto)

From Under The Hat

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completed transactions, but competing listings reveal what buyers can choose from today. An 'asking price' significantly above similar properties may reduce serious interest, with fewer showings and no offers.

Finding the right asking price is a strategic decision. Keep in mind that many buyers search within defined price ranges. An asking price significantly above similar options may reduce serious interest. Follow the current market conditions, which can continue shifting after your property is listed. Things such as inventory, mortgage rates, seasonal patterns (especially in resort areas), and buyer demand can change, making a flexible home pricing strategy useful. Local agents, along with their sellers, can establish expectations before listing and identify signs that may suggest the property's position should be reviewed. If your house is listed for sale, showing activity is one source of information. If competing listings are receiving buyer attention while you have fewer showings and no offers, you and your agent need to get together. If the property still shows well, is being marketed, you're keeping up the outside condition of the property, and you make it easily available to show, then maybe the price isn't reflecting the current market. If your house is currently on the market and you would like to sell this year, hopefully you found this helpful. As always, The Lepera Team, your local agents, can help you navigate the process.

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The Brigantine Chamber of Commerce is excited to be part of the Brigantine Lighthouse 100th Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 10! The Lighthouse is one of our island's most recognizable landmarks and an important part of Brigantine's history, and we're looking forward to joining the community in celebrating this special milestone.

The Chamber will have a tent set up during the celebration, so be sure to stop by and see us! We'll have our Eagles Tailgate shirts commemorating our country's 250th year, Brigantine cartoon map posters, and tickets for our BIG 50/50 raffle available for purchase. Be sure to follow the Lighthouse 100th Anniversary Facebook event on

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Gavin Emory tries to take shelter from the rain in the visitors' dugout at Citizens Bank Park during the MLB Pitch, Hit, & Run competition.



A rainbow before the storm." (Taken on September 25th by Joseph Matthews)



This aerial shot of the seawall shows where the north end beach used to be. State and local officials are working toward a long-term solution for this extensive and frequent erosion. (Office of Governor / Tim Larsen)



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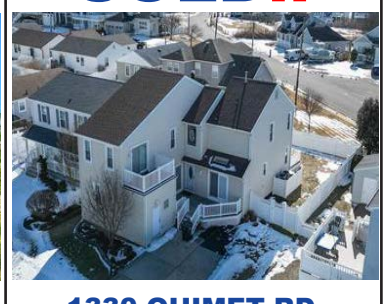
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Govorner Tours Brigantine Storm Damage

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"The governor's staff continued checking in with us every few hours throughout the storm to make sure we were okay. I really appreciate how responsive the governor and her team were when Brigantine needed help."

The city is continuing to work closely with NJDEP and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to identify immediate protection measures that can be put in place at the end of the Promenade while longer-term projects are developed.

"We have a great working relationship with the DEP and the Army Corps, and I know they will help guide us toward the right solution," Sera said. "Our goal is to protect our residents and our infrastructure now while also making the investments we need to make to better protect Brigantine in the future."

Mayor Sera is also working with Congressman Jeff Van Drew on the extension of the seawall at the northern end of the Promenade. FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be in Brigantine later this week to survey the damage and assist with the city's recovery efforts.

The city is also working with Atlantic County and its federal and state partners on the recovery effort and pursuing the emergency assistance necessary to repair the damage and begin rebuilding.

"I am very grateful for the partnerships we have at the federal and state levels, as well as our partnership with Atlantic County," Sera said. "We are seeing a strong, bipartisan effort to help Brigantine and communities throughout the Jersey Shore recover from this storm. We are going to continue working together to get Brigantine the resources we need to move forward with the recovery efforts."

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Surging waters shattered class and destroyed decks along the inlet during the nor'easter last weekend.



This wall, which extends off the end of the seawall, saved 15th St. N. homes and prevented street flooding during last weekend's nor'easter.

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Philadelphia Phillies Pitch, Hit & Run Team Championship winners smile for the camera Saturday night during the Phillies game. Kye Doran (powder blue jersey) captured the top spot in the 7-8 boys division and now has a chance to attend the championship round during the World Series in October! (Photos sent by Tom Repici)



Luca Anton gets ready to hit some home runs with his name on the big screen at the home of the Philadelphia Phillies Saturday during the Pitch, Hit, & Run.

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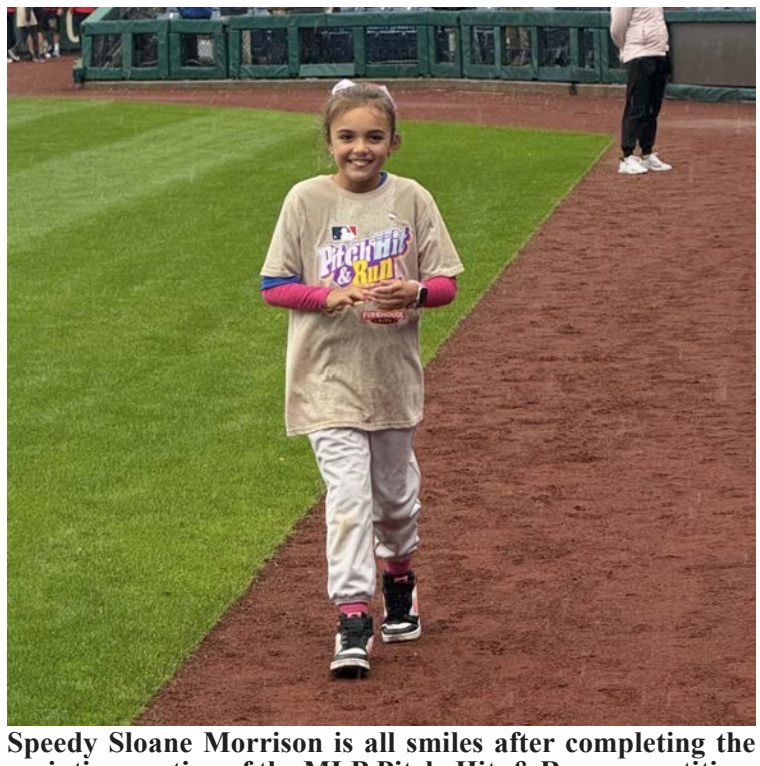
the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for event details and updates as Oct. 10 approaches.

As we look ahead to another exciting year, the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce has kicked off our 2027 Membership Drive!

Whether you're a long-time Chamber member, a new business in Brigantine, or a business that serves our island community, we'd love to have you be part of the Chamber in 2027. Our members are the heart of our organization, and their support allows us to continue promoting local businesses, hosting community events, providing networking opportunities, and working together to make Brigantine an even better place to live, work, visit, and do business.

Being a Chamber member is about more than having your business listed on our website and in our Visitor Guide/Business Directory. It's about being connected to the community, support-

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Speedy Sloane Morrison is all smiles after completing the sprinting portion of the MLB Pitch, Hit, & Run competition.

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ing one another, and having a voice in an organization that works year-round to promote Brigantine and our local business community.

Now is a great time to renew or join! Current Chamber members can take advantage of a discount by renewing their membership now for 2027. If you're not currently a member, join now for 2027 and you'll receive the balance of 2026 as a Chamber member at no additional cost.

Visit BrigantineChamber.com for more information about membership and becoming part of the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce.

Our second Eagles Tailgate on the Beach is also coming up on Sunday, Oct. 18! Registration is now open at BrigantineChamber.com, so make your plans to join us for another great afternoon on the beach cheering on the Birds!

You can also follow the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce on social media for our hours at the Brigantine Historical Museum, where you can stop by and see us.

As always, we encourage everyone to shop local, dine local, and support the businesses that make Brigantine such a vibrant community. Your support helps our local businesses thrive and keeps Brigantine the special community we all love.

Stay connected with the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce by following us on Facebook and Instagram and visiting BrigantineChamber.com for news, events, and updates throughout the year.

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Governor Mikie Sherrill inspects the destroyed access ramp on 15th St. N. (Office of Governor / Tim Larsen)



Governor Mikie Sherrill, Ed Potosank, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and Jeanne Hengemuhle, Acting Superintendent, New Jersey State Police; tour The Promenade (Seawall) with Mayor Vince Sera, following the aftermath of the Noreaster that hit New Jersey this past weekend, in Brigantine, N.J. on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026. (Office of Governor / Tim Larsen)

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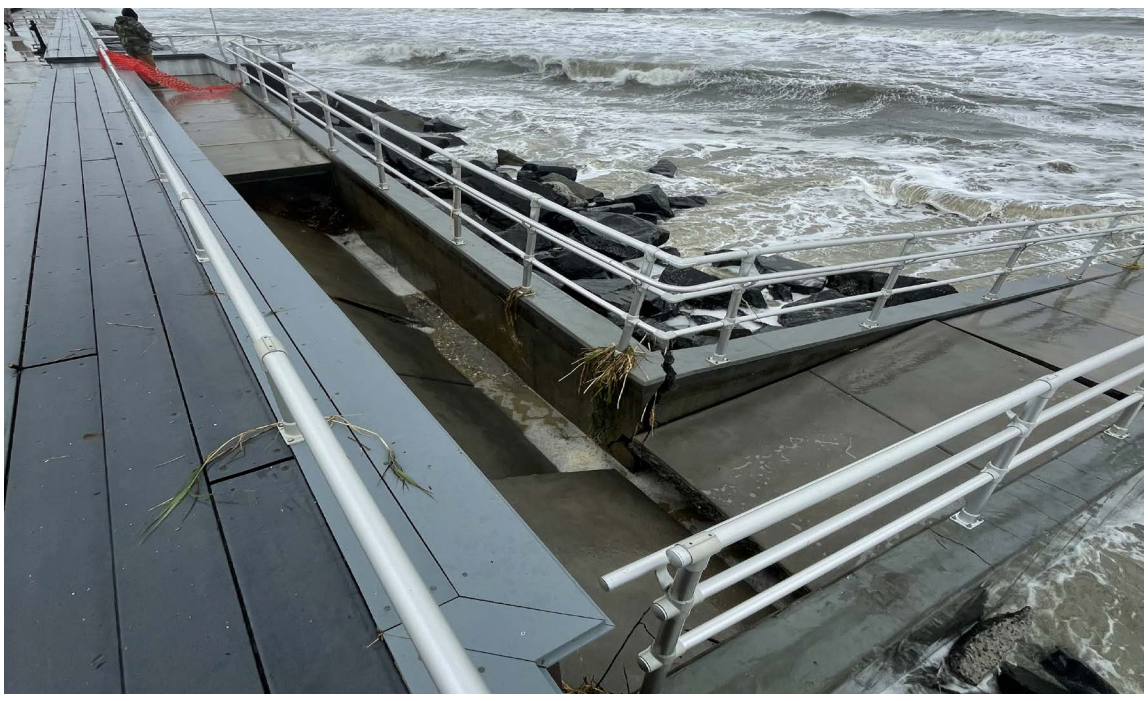
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Yet another access ramp was destroyed by powerful waters at the Brigantine seawall and promenade.

Nor'easter Batters Brigantine

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hopes of protecting their property. That wall turned out to be a great investment. During the recent nor'easter, the ocean wiped out the dunes in front of the wall and saved the home from any extensive damage.

Mayor Vince Sera added, "At one point we thought the ocean was going to come around the end of the promenade and flow into the street. The only thing that held back the waves was the retaining wall that the homeowner had put in. Waves were slamming against it all day. I told the homeowner that whoever built the retaining wall did an amazing job, because I could see the waves continuously crash into it. The wall would buckle like it was going to break, and then it would just go right back into place. We were concerned that if the wall breached there would be a lot of issues with damage to homes and infrastructure in that area. But the wall survived the storm."

So the seawall/promenade got pounded, and the South End Pepper Cove area was hit hard. At the promenade, boards were lost, four access ramps were destroyed — including one that was just installed a few weeks ago — and portions of the structure were severely damaged. Solutions to address the flooding at Pepper Cove are ongoing, with adjacent homeowners installing private bulkheads to tie into the city-owned bulkhead to protect homes. But in the end, the seawall/promenade did what it's supposed to do: protect infrastructure and homes in the area, although many repairs are needed. The next scheduled beach replenishment isn't until 2029. The Brigantine Times will keep you updated on any future replenishment details as city officials work with Trenton and Washington to address the North End issues, as well as any updates on the seawall/promenade being extended 275 feet north. Now if we could only get a jetty or a groin at 12th Street North to help fight nor'easters and reduce the erosion we're seeing now, that would be great!





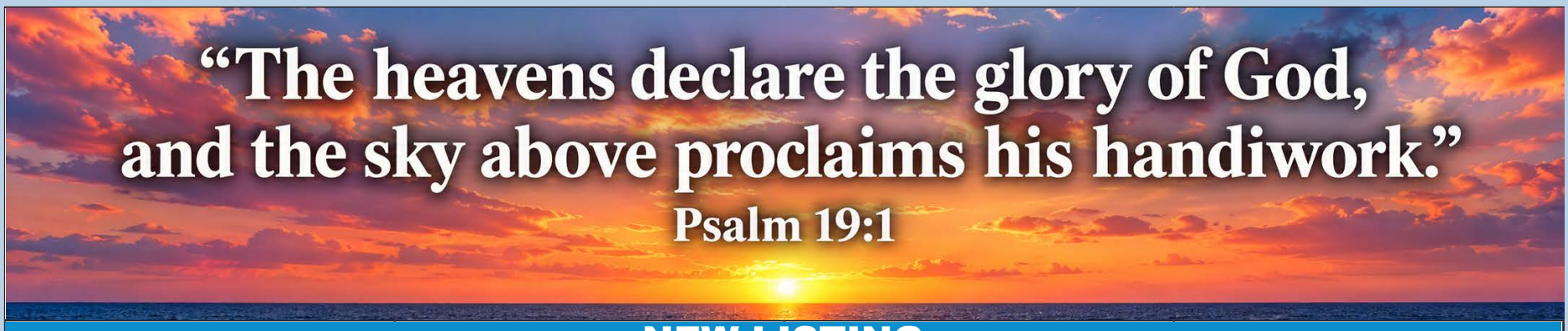
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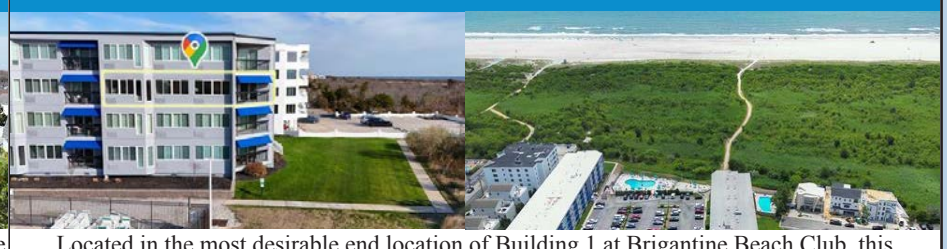
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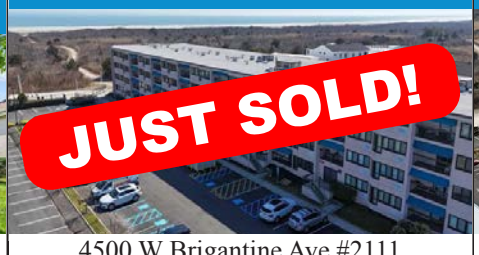
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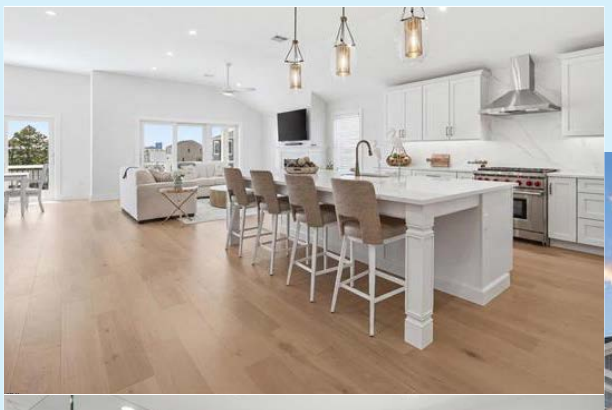


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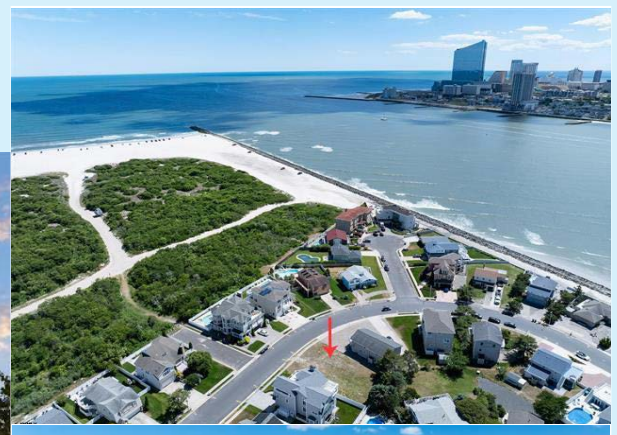


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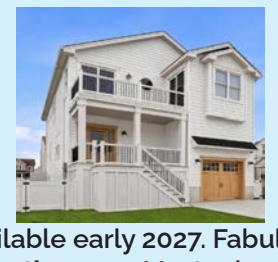
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Winner Advances

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was represented this year by Sloane Morrison, Kye Doran, Nell Kennedy, Luca Anton, Colbie Calhoun, Sebastian Edwards, Natalie Cooke, and Gavin Emory.

Weather conditions were pretty miserable, and the infield was tarped off with the hopes of keeping it dry enough for the Phillies to play later that day, but the kids pushed through and most even did it with a smile! At the end of the competition, winners were announced with Kye Doran as the first name being called. Kye crushed the 7-8-year-old competition and will find out in the coming days whether or not his score earned him a trip to the World Series to compete for the MLB Pitch, Hit & Run Championship! All participants were given Phillies tickets to that night's game for their efforts, and Kye was recognized on the field during the game for his win! Congratulations to Kye and all our winners of the Brigantine Pitch, Hit & Run event, and a special thanks to Mr. Robbins, Mrs. Pomatto, Mrs. Mittelman, Mr. Cortese, Mr. Smallwood, and all the volunteers who made the local event a success!



Kye Doran shows off his trophy after winning the 7-8 division of the Philadelphia Phillies Pitch, Hit & Run Team Championship.



The Elks Veterans Service Committee members honored 13 Fallen Heroes at 13 tribute stops along the way from Cape May to Holmdel, NJ. Pictured at Absecon Veterans Park are (2nd from left) Bob Groeber, (2nd from right) Bob Geller, and (in front) the Browns, Gold Star parents. The group honored Lance Corporal Brown, who was killed in action.



Students enjoying the final harvest of the season from the school garden to take home and share with family. (Photo by BCS elementary school gym teacher Mindy Pomatto)

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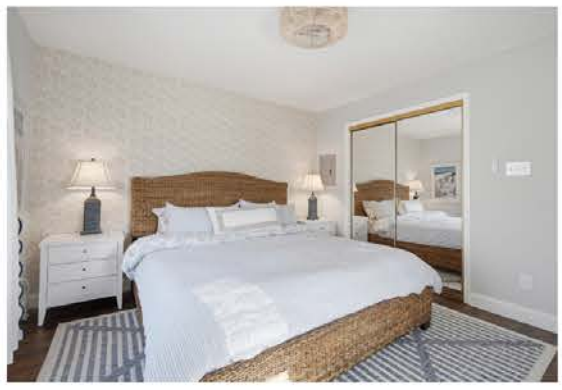
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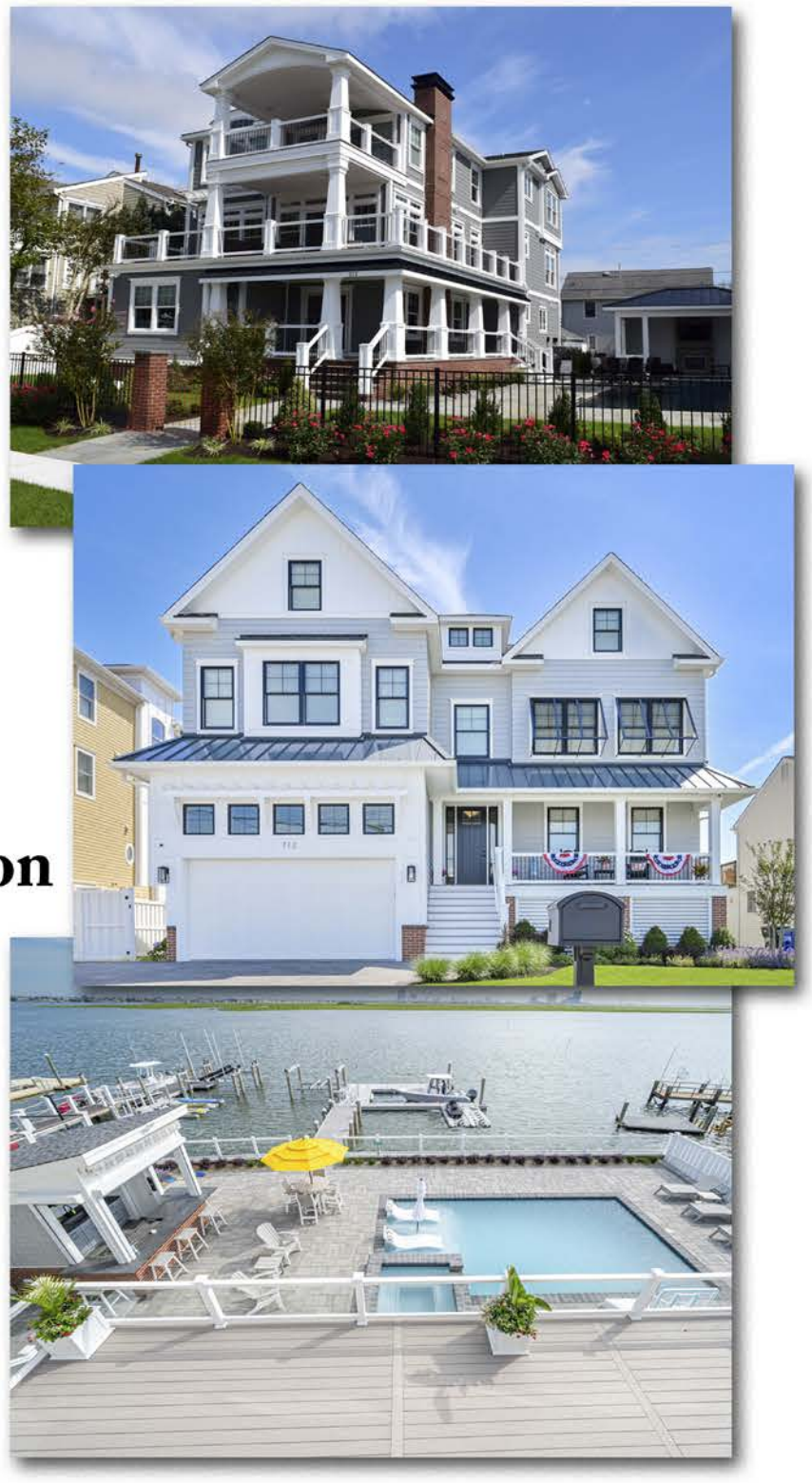
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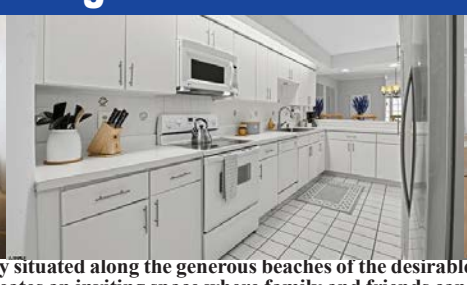
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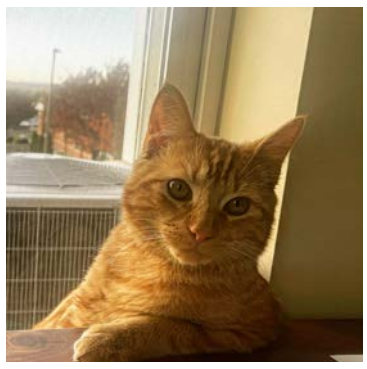
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Leroy's Corner:



Leroy's To-Do List

Well, friends, it is official. I am now a full-time Brigantine resident! The humans have moved my things, carried approximately a million boxes, and spent a great deal of time deciding where everything belongs. Luckily, I am here to check their work.

Moving into a new house is a big responsibility for a cat. You cannot simply walk in, pick a cushion, and call it a day. So naturally, I have made myself a to-do list.

First, inspect every window. A proper window inspection requires sitting in each one long enough to determine the quality of the bird watching, the warmth of the sunshine, and whether any neighbors are doing something interesting.

Next, find the best hiding spots. I am looking for somewhere cozy, quiet, and just mysterious enough that the humans will walk past me three times while calling my name. I will hear them, of course. Whether I answer depends on how comfortable I am and whether anyone mentions treats.

Then, comes the speed test. Every new house needs to be tested by an orange cat running at full speed for absolutely no visible reason. I must check the corners, measure the hallway, and determine how quickly I can get from one room to another with my tail puffed up. The humans seem surprised when I do this, especially at bedtime. I cannot help when inspiration strikes.

Of course, getting back into my stroller is high on the list. Now that I am officially a local, I need to make my neighborhood rounds. There are birds to watch, breezes to sniff, and people who may need the opportunity to admire me. I will let the humans handle the pushing. I have enough responsibilities already.

Brigantine, you now have one more permanent resident, four very busy paws, and an orange cat with a full schedule. If you see me rolling by in my stroller, please say hello. Unless I am napping. In that case, please admire me quietly.

Stay Whiskered,

Leroy

P.S.: Dear Hooper and Brody, I completely agree about the toys! Our humans just do not understand how a cat loves novelty. Keep up those reminders.

MEGA News Week #23

By Joe Mingoia

Last week was the last week of the regular season, with the playing of the Brigantine Golf Links Classic, sponsored by Brigantine Golf Links and friends of MEGA, Frank and Sue DeAngelis. We truly appreciate all the support we received.

The conditions for the BGL were the windiest of the season. 17 and 18 were bears.

In A-flight, Scott Rote (43/37.2) was the low net winner. Anthony Lawler (40/40) won another low gross title and Matt Cusamano (45/39.4) was 2nd low net.

A-flight did manage 3 birdie skins: Rote at the 11th, Mike Lange Jr. at the 14th and T.J. Granahan at the 16th.

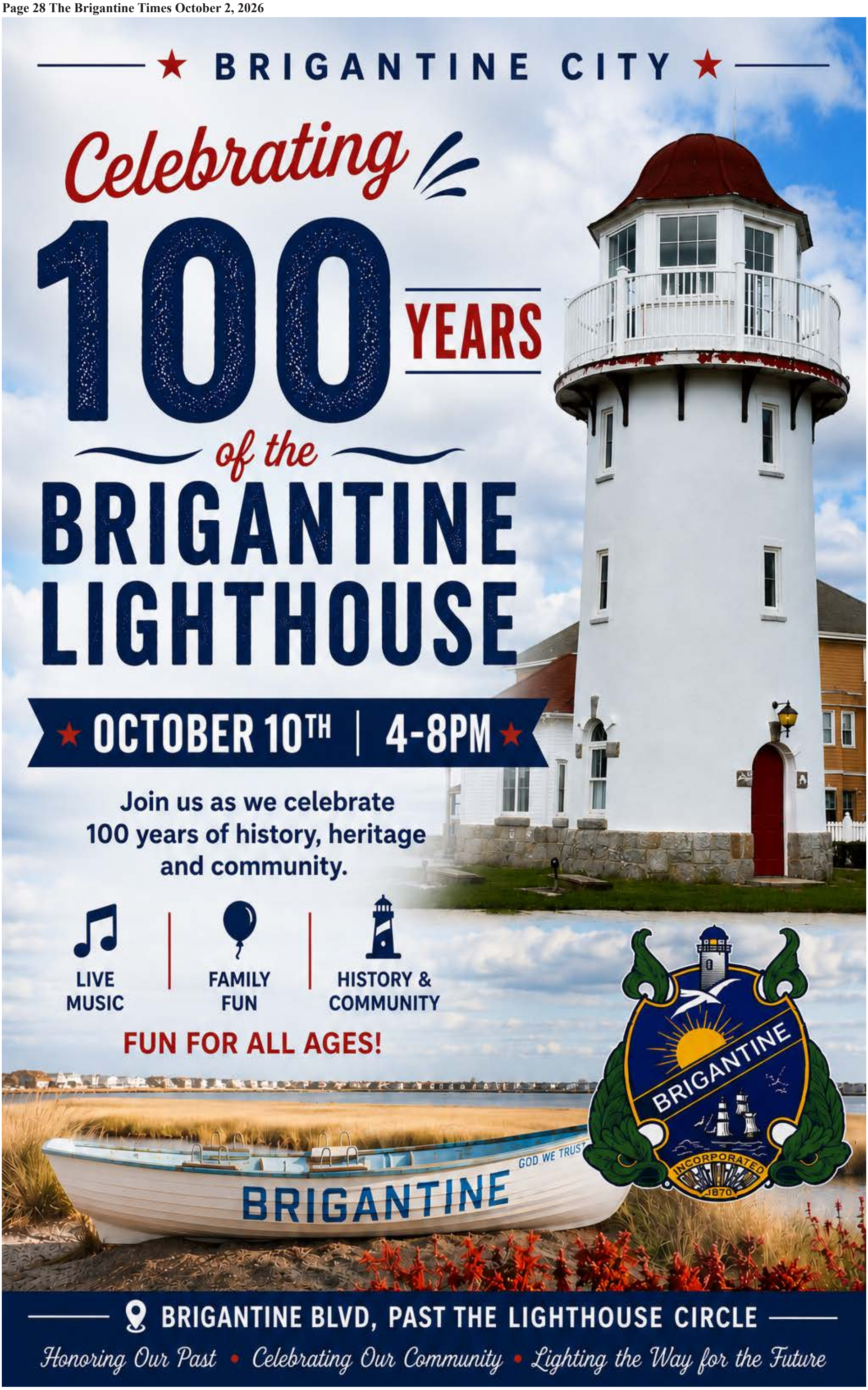
Lawler (28' 4") at the 12th and Kevin A. Curau (32' 4") at the 15th won the greenies.

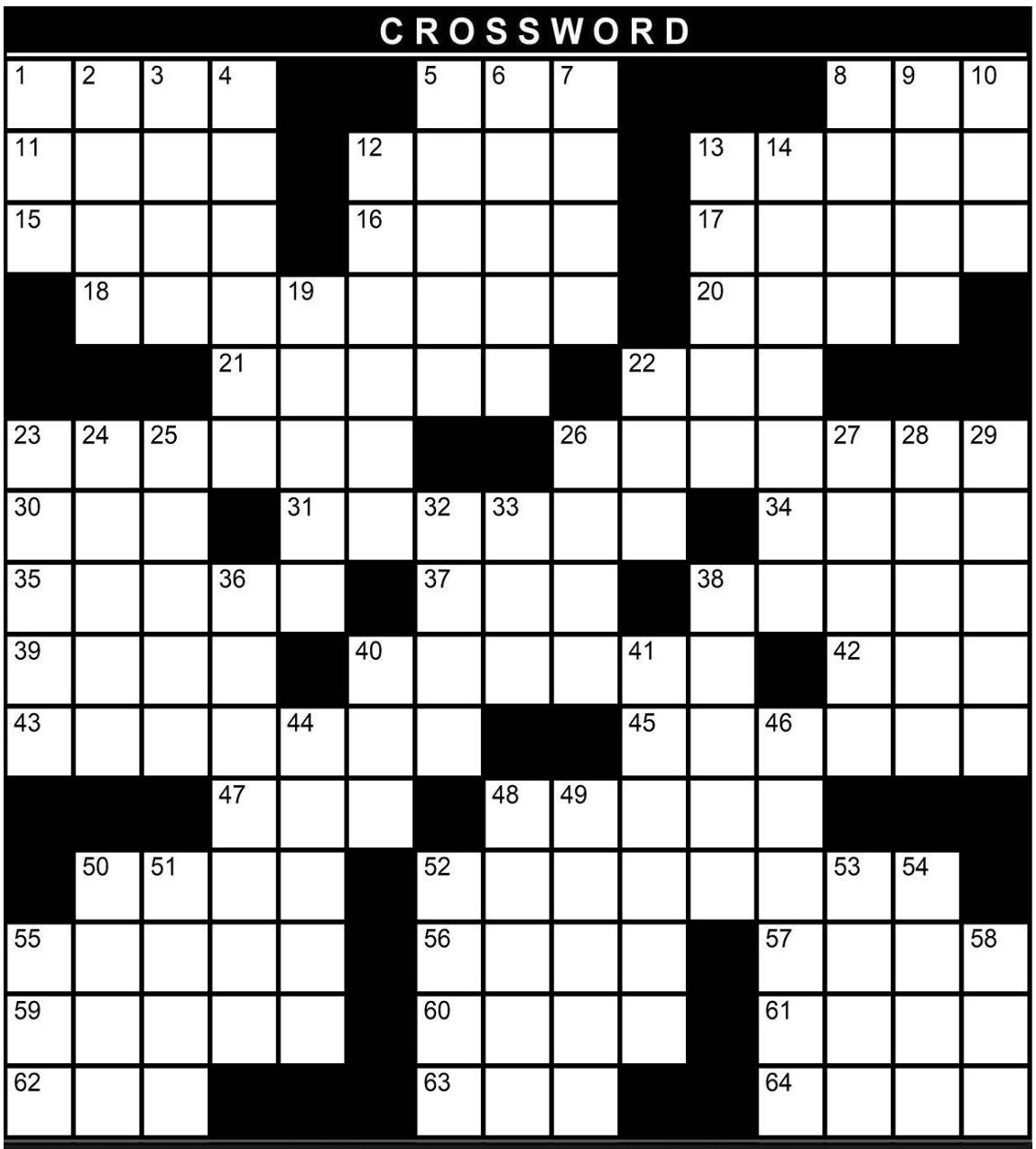
In B-flight, Mike Bartlett (42/35.4) wins low

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The Brigantine Elks Veterans Service Committee delivered chairs to Veterans at Veterans Village on September 11. Pictured here are Veteran John, Karen Geller, Camille and Chris Forrest, Gladys Krasicki with Therapy Dog "Buddy," Les and Gail Newhall, and Veteran William.


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37. Neither here ____ there
38. Opposite of cation
39. Hurry up, acr.
40. Blood infection
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52. *Katy Perry's 2010 hit
55. Battle royal
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8. Hindu serpent deity
9. Legendary King Priam's city
10. Chicken coop dweller
12. Taxi driver
13. Ship with a single mast
14. *____ GO game
19. Spooky
22. Decay
23. Greek cheese, pl.
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25. _____'s, blended Scotch whisky
26. High rocky hills
27. Celestial hunter
28. Open disrespect
29. Sour-tasting
32. Capped joint
33. *Funko ____!
36. *Toy for the fidgety
38. Off kilter
40. Dirty dwelling
41. Specks in the sea
44. Oohed and ____
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Dr. Zimmerman's Health Tips

By. Dr. J. Zimmerman

Dr. Zimmerman is a Brigantine chiropractor. The health tips in this column are his personal opinions, advice, and commentary, and are not a substitute for professional medical advice.

Consult your doctor with any health questions or concerns.

Smartphones at Age 12 and Under

Handing a smartphone to your 12-year-old might feel like a simple safety decision, but new research suggests it carries far more weight than most parents realize. A study published in Pediatrics followed more than 10,000 children and found that those who owned a smartphone at age 12 had a 31% higher risk of depression, a 40% higher risk of obesity, and a 62% higher likelihood of not getting enough sleep compared to kids without phones. These early years are a time of rapid emotional growth and heightened sensitivity to social feedback, so the timing of that first phone appears to shape how a child sleeps, eats, and handles stress in ways that build quietly over time.

The research also points to a clear pattern: the earlier the phone arrives, the more those risks stack up. Each year earlier that a child received a smartphone was linked to a 9% jump in obesity odds and an 8% jump in insufficient sleep. Among kids who didn't own a phone at 12 but got one over the following year, researchers saw a 57% higher likelihood of clinical-level mental health symptoms and a 50% higher chance of poor sleep by age 13 — even after accounting for their starting point. Much of this seems tied to nighttime alerts, late-night scrolling, and blue light, which suppresses melatonin, the hormone that helps your child wind down and stay asleep. When rest suffers, mood, appetite, and energy tend to follow.

The effects may reach well beyond childhood. A related study drawing on a global mental health database found that young adults who received a smartphone before age 13 reported lower self-worth, weaker emotional resilience, more aggression, and greater psychological distress — including experiences described as detachment from reality and even hallucinations. Girls tended to show the steepest drops in confidence and resilience, while boys showed more emotional volatility, less calm, and reduced empathy. Weak family relationships appeared to deepen these struggles, suggesting that without strong support at

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Brigantine Times Kids Corner

The Railway Children

By E. Nesbit

Chapter V

(Continued from Vol. 57 No. 38)

She pulled him gently towards the inmost sanctuary of the Station Master. The other children followed, and the Station Master shut the door in the face of the crowd, which stood a little while in the booking office talking and looking at the fast closed yellow door, and then by ones and twos went its way, grumbling.

Inside the Station Master's room Bobbie still held the stranger's hand and stroked his sleeve.

"Here's a go," said the Station Master; "no ticket—doesn't even know where he wants to go. I'm not sure now but what I ought to send for the police."

"Oh, DON'T!" all the children pleaded at once. And suddenly Bobbie got between the others and the stranger, for she had seen that he was crying.

By a most unusual piece of good fortune she had a handkerchief in her pocket. By a still more uncommon accident the handkerchief was moderately clean. Standing in front of the stranger, she got out the handkerchief and passed it to him so that the others did not see.

"Wait till Mother comes," Phyllis was saying; "she does speak French beautifully. You'd just love to hear her."

"I'm sure he hasn't done anything like you're sent to prison for," said Peter.

"Looks like without visible means to me," said the Station Master. "Well, I don't mind giving him the benefit of the doubt till your Mamma comes. I SHOULD like to know what nation's got the credit of HIM, that I should."

Then Peter had an idea. He pulled an envelope out of his pocket, and showed that it was half full of foreign stamps.

"Look here," he said, "let's show him these—"

Bobbie looked and saw that the stranger had dried his eyes with her handkerchief. So she said: "All right."

They showed him an Italian stamp, and pointed from him to it and back again, and made signs of question with their eyebrows. He shook his head. Then they showed him a Norwegian stamp—the common blue kind it was—and again he signed No. Then they showed him a Spanish one, and at that he took the envelope from Peter's hand and searched among the stamps with a hand that trembled. The hand that he reached out at last, with a gesture as of one answering a question, contained a RUSSIAN stamp.

"He's Russian," cried Peter, "or else he's like 'the man who was'—in Kipling, you know."

The train from Maidbridge was signalled.

"I'll stay with him till you bring Mother in," said Bobbie. "You're not afraid, Missie?"

"Oh, no," said Bobbie, looking at the stranger, as she might have looked at a strange dog of doubtful temper. "You wouldn't hurt me, would you?"

She smiled at him, and he smiled back, a queer crooked smile. And then he coughed again. And the heavy rattling swish of the incoming train swept past, and the Station Master and Peter and Phyllis went out to meet it. Bobbie was still holding the stranger's hand when they came back with Mother.

The Russian rose and bowed very ceremoniously.

Then Mother spoke in French, and he replied, haltingly at first, but presently in longer and longer sentences.

The children, watching his face and Mother's, knew that he was telling her things that made her angry and pitying, and sorry and indignant all at once.

"Well, Mum, what's it all about?" The Station Master could not restrain his curiosity any longer.

"Oh," said Mother, "it's all right. He's a Russian, and he's lost his ticket. And I'm afraid he's very ill. If you don't mind, I'll take him home with me now. He's really quite worn out. I'll run down and tell you all about him to-morrow."

"I hope you won't find you're taking home a frozen viper," said the Station Master, doubtfully.

"Oh, no," Mother said brightly, and she smiled; "I'm quite sure I'm not. Why, he's a great man in his own country, writes books—beautiful books—I've read some of them; but I'll tell you all about it to-morrow."

She spoke again in French to the Russian, and everyone could see the surprise and pleasure and gratitude in his eyes. He got up and politely bowed to the Station Master, and offered his arm most ceremoniously to Mother. She took it, but anybody could have seen that she was helping him along, and not he her.

"You girls run home and light a fire in the sitting-room," Mother said, "and Peter had better go for the Doctor."

But it was Bobbie who went for the Doctor.

"I hate to tell you," she said breathlessly when she came upon him in his shirt sleeves, weeding his pansy-bed, "but Mother's got a very shabby Russian, and I'm sure he'll have to belong to your Club. I'm certain he hasn't got any money. We found him at the station."

"Found him! Was he lost, then?" asked the Doctor, reaching for his coat.

"Yes," said Bobbie, unexpectedly, "that's just what he was. He's been telling Mother the sad, sweet story of his life in French; and she said would you be kind enough to come directly if you were at home. He has a dreadful cough, and he's been crying."

The Doctor smiled.

"Oh, don't," said Bobbie; "please don't. You wouldn't if you'd seen him. I never saw a man cry before. You don't know what it's like."

Dr. Forrest wished then that he hadn't smiled.



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Get Creative With Waste for ACUA's 12th Annual Recycled Art Contest

The Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) invites the community to create art from waste and recycling materials for its 12th Annual Recycled Art Contest.

The contest requires participants to create unique pieces of art from materials that would normally be discarded in trash or recycling bins, like packaging foam, cardboard, soda can tabs, and more. Entries can be submitted to participating libraries between Oct. 1 and 31.

"The Recycled Art Contest is a fun way to think differently about the materials we use and throw away," said ACUA President Matthew DeNafo. "Every year, we're impressed by the creative ways participants give these materials a second life."

The contest is open to all ages, and winners will be selected in the following categories: 8 and under, 9 to 13, 14 to 17, 18 and up, and Group.

Winners will receive a cash prize and recognition at ACUA's America Recycles Day on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the ACUA Recycling Center in Egg Harbor Township. All artwork entered in the contest will be featured during this family-friendly event.

Contest Requirements

• Artists must be residents of Atlantic County.

• Artwork must have an entry form securely attached.

• Entries must be submitted to a participating library between Oct. 1-31. These include: the Atlantic County Library System branches in Absecon, Brigantine, Egg Harbor City, Egg Harbor Township, Galloway Township, Hamilton Township, Hammonton, Pleasantville, Somers Point and Ventnor; Stockton University's Richard E. Bjork Library (Galloway campus); Atlantic Cape Community College Libraries (Mays Landing and Atlantic City campuses); the Linwood Public Library; the Otto Bruyns Public Library of Northfield; and the Atlantic City Free Public Library.

Details and a printable entry form are available online at www.acua.com/artcontest.

Weekly Fishing Report

by Captain Andy Grossman

Another nor'easter has come and gone and we are all still here. We had about a foot of water in the garage and foyer but nothing we won't be able to bounce right back from. I hope you all fared well, as they build us strong on The Rock. As far as the fishing, we will have to sit back and see how the storm has affected it. Will the spot, kingfish and flounder still be here? Will the stripers move in early? Will tuna move in close? Stay tuned — same bat channel, same bat time. Congrats to Joe Kelly, who won two divisions (bluefish and kingfish) for $140 + $140, and John Riggio, who won the flounder division for $160, in the Riptide Summer Fishing Tournament.

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Dr. Zimmerman's Health Tips

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home, a device can become an outsized emotional anchor during years when a child's brain is still building impulse control and steadiness. It's worth remembering these studies show associations, not proof of direct cause, but the scale is enough to invite a thoughtful, precautionary approach.

The encouraging news is that small, consistent choices can make a real difference. Consider delaying smartphone access until your child shows solid emotional regulation, framing it as a strength they're growing into rather than a punishment. Keep devices out of bedrooms so their nervous system gets a true break from alerts and blue light at night. Limit wireless use where you can — favoring wired connections and turning off Wi-Fi when it isn't needed — since a young, developing brain may be more sensitive to that kind of exposure. Finally, build a predictable daily rhythm with morning sunlight, regular meals, movement breaks, and an early wind-down, and invite your child to help set the family tech rules. When kids help decide the boundaries, they feel respected rather than controlled, and that shared ownership supports steadier sleep, calmer moods, and healthier development for the whole family.

Making Your Own Healthy Dog Food

Owning a pet is one of the greatest joys life has to offer. My two dogs, Joy and Grace, walk with me every day, and back in March 2025 they became parents to a wonderful litter of puppies. That experience reminded me just how much our animals depend on us to care for them well, starting with what goes in their bowl. Homemade puppy meals made from simple, affordable ingredients like rice, ground beef, liver, and eggs are far healthier and more budget-friendly than most commercial kibble. With a little strategic shopping, you can build a wholesome diet that gives your pup a strong head start on a long, happy life.

At the heart of a good puppy diet is balanced nutrition. Dogs are natural scavenging carnivores, so protein comes first. It builds lean muscle and powers important body functions like producing hormones and enzymes. Healthy fats matter just as much, serving as a concentrated energy source, supporting cell membranes, helping control inflammation, and insulating the body. Carbohydrates, on the other hand, are needed only in small amounts. Dogs don't truly require carbs, but their brains and blood cells still need some glucose, which a bit of white rice can supply. That's a big improvement over carb-heavy kibble, which often runs between 46% and 74% carbohydrate and can lead to problems like canine diabetes.

Don't overlook eggs, one of the most affordable superfoods for you and your dog alike. The yolks deliver protein, healthy fats, and vitamins A, B, and K. And please, don't toss the shells. Ground eggshells are packed

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Today's Puzzle Answers

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And So It Begins

By McKayla Touhill

If you are reading this, it means I have happily begun my maternity leave. I am writing my columns for the next little while in advance, so Garrett can put them in the paper each week for me, but I don't have to try and write when I have a little one keeping me company. While I really love my job, I am excited for this special time to finish up last-minute preparations and to get ready to meet Baby Touhill. In Autumn, the beautiful boughs of trees that have been churning out leaves and growing furiously while the fresh summer rays fed it, begin to slumber. Their leaves, turning a magnificent hue, signal to the world that winter is coming, and so a time for rest.

This summer was a beautiful and action-packed one in Brigantine. We had parades, lifeguard races, 5ks, farmers markets, car shows, triathlons, and so much more. But now, in October, many of our summer friends leave us, and go back to their winter homes on the mainland, and our Island feels quiet and contemplative.

So, it seems fitting that as our Island begins to rest, and so also the trees, it is time for me to take a step back, for a time, and to rest as well. Good luck to poor Garrett, who will at this point be officially doing my job as well as his own.

However, I think I have enough work ahead of me this fall as I enter this new season of life and learn how to be a mother.

Now, I have quite a few columns to write, so I will leave you with a beautiful poem by John Keats that captures the silent abundance of Autumn.

To Autumn
By John Keats

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'erbrimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

Where are the songs of spring? Ay, Where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river sallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

And, of course, we can't forget to celebrate this week's Birthdays,

October 2- Derek Krebs, Ann Adams, Susan Pompei and Darry Platt. 3- Joe Dempsey, Joe Handle, Shannon Fitzgerald and Chris Bonanni. 4- Colleen Daily, Domenic Lynch and Donna Kramer. 5- Mike Premet. 6- Dave Ross, Ron Devine, Barb (you know who you are), Mike Smarrito, Cesare Rotondi and Bruce Walsh. 7- Harper Arnao, Jimmy Kerr, Delores Matern and Kristen Moresi Christopher Pennestri. Also Angela and Joe Mingoia's 41st Anniversary. 8- Jen McBride, Mike Lange, Jr., Seth Morris and Norma McManus.



Top Row: Mel Worth, Joe Patti, John Murray, Bud Bacharach, Tom Spillane, Jim Woerner, Bob Hinkley, Bill Gale. Bottom Row: Cearey Shreaves, John Macdonald, Bruce Migone, Capt. Dick Derrickson, Sandy Switkin, Bob Constable, George Christine, Larry Develin. Absent from picture, Joe Brown. Mascots: Don and Dick Constable.

1953 Brigantine Life Guards

This image was copied from the 1953 Brigantine Beach Patrol Year Book showing the guard members that year. Stop by the Brigantine Historical Museum to see more images like this.

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Brigantine Garden Club

By Phyllis Glomb

The Nor'easter of Sept. '26 may have delayed the festivities for a day, but the Gathering at the Cove was a special event for all. Many thanks to Fran Streeper who organizes the festivities each year. Thanks to the volunteers who made plants for doorprizes. They were: Laurel Leigh, Jan Sarratore, Kathy Skimmons, Pat Krzaczyk, Joan Klaus, Susan Cecilia, and Meredith Birchall. The club welcomed and thanked the artists who painted the utility boxes across the island, coordinated by Laurel Leigh. Chairperson Pat Baldt honored Robyn Woern and her husband Walt for their generous donations of plants to the club this year. The North End Bedtenders of the year were Jacky Kennedy Sisson and Betsy Dougherty. The South End Bedtender of the year was Betty Houser. Congratulations, ladies. Thank you to ALL of our bed and pot tenders. You are the heart and soul of the Brigantine Garden Club. Finally, the President's Cup was awarded to one very hard working, very deserving volunteer: Laurel Leigh. Great Job, Laurel! Thanks to Neil Kane for his kind words. An anonymous donor gave the club a gift that was the grand doorprize, and it was won by one of our artists, Laurie Devers. Thanks to The Cove for great food and great service. It was a lovely end to the Summer Season of 2026.

It's not over yet: our last

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Students enjoying the final harvest of the season from the school garden to take home and share with family. (Photo by BCS elementary school gym teacher Mindy Pomatto)



Hannah S. spent a rainy morning coloring with the Brigantine Times kids' corner.





Brigantine Garden Club

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meeting will be on Monday, October 5, at 6:00 PM at the Brigantine Community Center. Elections will be held. Bedtenders, try to be in attendance because daffodil bulbs will be distributed to plant now for spring blooms. We have ordered early, middle, and late spring bloomers to create a long lasting yellow display.

Unfortunately, Brigantine suffered severe damage from the Nor'easter with beach erosion, Promenade/seawall and ramp damage, excessive flooding, and I'm sorry to report that three of our Promenade Pots were washed down by the roaring ocean. I know some beds were under seawater. Report any storm damage to your coordinator.

As September comes to an end, and we welcome in October and fall, we thank each and every one who contributed to a successful season. There are too many to mention by name, but you know who you are. A sincere thank you to all. And from me, a special thank you to Doris Bolton. She knows why! Seen on a garden sign: Gardeners don't get old—they go to pot.



North End Bed Tender of the Year Betsy Dougherty with Phyllis Glomb, North End Bed Tender Coordinator. (Photo by Gina Bergin)



Winner of The Brigantine Garden Club President's Cup, Laurel Leigh. (Photo by Gina Bergin)



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Birding Brigantine: Comings and Goings



By Steve Sarratore

October is a time of transition for birds along the Jersey Shore. The summer residents are packing their bags and heading south, while a new group of feathered visitors is arriving from the north. Every day seems to offer a different selection of birds to see.

Among the birds heading south are many familiar summer residents. Ospreys, after spending the spring and summer raising young around our bays and marshes, have already begun their long journey toward Central and South America. Sadly, reports indicate a poor year for our ospreys, with declining populations of menhaden, one of their favorite food sources, being blamed for many failed nests. Laughing gulls, on the other hand, had no problem finding food (much of it ours!) but are now headed to the coasts surrounding the Gulf of Mexico for the winter. Other birds spotted all summer along both the ocean and bay sides — including common terns, royal terns, least terns, and piping plovers — are also headed south. You may still see great blue herons, great egrets, and snowy egrets in the marshes, but their numbers will dwindle as winter approaches.

Many tree swallows, purple martins, barn swallows and other insect-eating birds also leave as the supply of flying insects diminishes.

The Shore also serves as a major highway for migrating raptors. October brings impressive movements of sharp-shinned hawks, Cooper's hawks, broad-winged hawks, American kestrels, merlins and peregrine falcons. Although we may see some of those migrating over Brigantine, Cape May is the place to go for this spectacle. Geography and prevailing winds funnel migrating birds toward the peninsula, making Cape May one of the continent's great migration crossroads.

But October isn't simply a month of departures. It is also a month of arrivals. As temperatures fall farther

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Joann grabs some Bingo cards and is ready to play at the Bingo event at the VFW on Monday night. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



"Bingo!" This player is reading her numbers off after calling Bingo while competing in the games at the VFW this past Monday. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).

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Mayor Vince Sera and Brigantine City Manager Tiger Platt show Governor Mikie Sherrill and Ed Potosank, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the damage to the Brigantine seawall and promenade. (Office of Governor / Tim Larsen)



Jerry Talatico and his daughters take a photo in Deadhorse, Alaska, with their copy of the Brigantine Times.

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north, sparrows, waterfowl and other birds begin moving into New Jersey for the winter. White-throated sparrows and dark-eyed juncos will become increasingly familiar visitors. Meanwhile, ducks such as buffleheads, mergansers, long-tailed ducks, black scoters, and surf scoters may begin appearing on the bay, the coastal marshes, and the ocean. And of course, you can look for the return of the small goose known as the brant to the golf course and other grassy areas.

October is also the time when we may begin seeing ocean migrants such as common loons, red-throated loons, and northern gannets moving along the coast. The New Jersey Audubon Society notes that the Avalon Seawatch has recorded almost a million seabirds during migration in a single year. Many of those migrating birds are visible from Brigantine shores as well.

There will also be a variety of birds that aren't necessarily staying for the winter but are just passing through. The Shore can become a temporary rest stop for warblers, vireos, thrushes, sparrows, shorebirds and many other migrants. After a night's flight, exhausted birds need places where they can refuel before continuing south. Why not a night in Brigantine?

So, some birds are leaving. Others are arriving. Others are merely stopping for breakfast before continuing their journey. You never quite know who will be checking into the Jersey Shore next — or who will be checking out. Keep your eyes open!

VFW News

We recognize the start of Operation Enduring Freedom on Oct. 7. Enduring Freedom was the U.S.-led military operation in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people. Operation Enduring Freedom officially began Oct. 7, 2001, with American and British bombing strikes against al-Qaida and Taliban forces in Afghanistan.

Thank you to all the blood donors who showed up earli-

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Slices of Life

The Women's Club of St. Thomas Church

By Roseann Smith

Brigantine has some incredible community groups and clubs. One such organization is the Women's Club of St. Thomas Church. Established in 2015, the club has been a major presence at St. Thomas Catholic Church, located on 8th Street South and Brigantine Blvd. The club includes a diverse group of women from Brigantine and neighboring communities who meet monthly. Their main goal is to support charitable, social, and spiritual activities. Members' participation makes a genuine difference in our Brigantine community.

Meeting from September through June, the Women's Club assists people in our local community and beyond. Each month, the club designates and supports a specific charity. For example, in October, the Women's Club aids Gilda's Club and participates in Halloween's Trunk-or-Treat alongside the Knights of Columbus. November honors our veteran men and women who have served our country. The club donates boxes of Tastykakes for our veterans to enjoy.

At each monthly meeting, St. Thomas Women's Club always has something fun and interesting happening. Some months might feature guest speakers with both spiritual and social messages. For instance, their March meeting is deemed a "Night of Reflection." It's a spiritual retreat given by Sister M. Emily Vincent. During other monthly meetings, the group hosts fun initiatives such as chair Zumba and Western-style line dancing. As an ongoing monthly charitable offering, members are encouraged to bring baby supplies for Walking with Moms in Need, a nationwide parish-based charity which supports mothers and struggling families.

The Women's Club hosts several annual events that draw crowds of people from our surrounding communities. Held in October, the Fall Fashion Show features chic clothing from local Brigantine retail shops. The show also utilizes local male and female models. Another fundraiser is the club's Christmas "Cookie Walk," held every December in St. Philip's Hall. Club members sell freshly baked cookies, while vendors sell their

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Jerry Talarico's daughters asked him where they could take him on vacation. As a Brigantine Polar Bear, he naturally chose swimming in the Arctic Ocean. Here is Jerry and his daughters enjoying a polar plunge in Deadhorse, Alaska.



A dinosaur made from recycled materials created for ACUA's 12th Annual Recycled Art Contest. Entries can be submitted to participating libraries between October 1 and 31.

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BBCAC Artist of the Month: Jackie Caplan

"A Selfie" — I think I've been an artist all my life…but I didn't know it. My family always knew it and encouraged me, but I didn't believe them.

When I was younger I dabbled in many kinds of media but never seriously. I studied for my master's degree in art therapy but was unable to finish.

I have worked as a graphic artist for almost 50 years and love my work. As I approached my mid-70s, I wanted to try painting. The last time I painted was more than 50 years ago. Three years ago I heard of the Brigantine art classes taught by Sister Celeste and enrolled in the watercolor and acrylic classes.

It was seriously intimidating being in classes along with such talented students. But Sister Celeste made me feel very comfortable. She was supportive and encouraging and I really enjoyed the experience.

I enjoy the process of painting. I have progressed and grown, both personally and artistically. It took me more time to accept the fact that I did have some talent…and even more time to believe in myself. My family and friends have contributed to that journey. I also attribute that change to Sister Celeste's creativity, teaching and faith in me and also to the support, friendship and reassurance from the many artists in my classes. Thank you.

— Jackie Caplan

The Brigantine Beach Cultural Arts Commission is proud to present Jackie Caplan as our artist of the month for October. Stop by the Community Center to see her beautiful artwork!



Judy Standifer, Event Coordinator for the South Jersey Cancer Fund, standing with Mary Crane and Karen Peacock, two volunteers for the organization, while checking people into the South Jersey Cancer Fund event held on September 28, 2026. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



Phil Telman and Susan Guhse spent 9 days in Canada touring provinces: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. Stops included Halifax, Lunenburg, Peggy's Cove, Cabot Trail, Bay of Fundy, Alexander Graham Bell estate, and Anne of Green Gables home (pictured here).

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exquisite handmade wares. Proceeds from these events help fund the many scholarships awarded at the end of the year to students attending Catholic high schools. Other annual happenings include Valentine candy donations for Meals on Wheels, a St. Patrick's Day dance, and generous Easter baskets distributed to homebound parishioners.

St. Thomas Women's Club takes excursions to places like the Father Padre Pio Shrine in Buena, N.J. The ladies have also enjoyed luncheons at local eateries like The Smithville Inn. These outings allow members to engage in spiritual conversations while building a shared sense of friendship and camaraderie.

The most important mission of the Women's Club of St. Thomas Church can be summarized in these words: Christian charity and deepened spirituality. The women have celebrated their commitment to their faith through church attendance, retreats, and other faith-based events.

If you're looking for something new and exciting, and a place to call home, come and join the Women's Club of St. Thomas Church. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, at St. Philip's Hall. We start at 6:30 with a heartfelt prayer. Refreshments and light food are always served. See you there!



This south end drainage basin was exposed after severe erosion last weekend.



When floodwaters rose, the only thing protecting these north end homes was a thin retaining wall. (Office of Governor / Tim Larsen)

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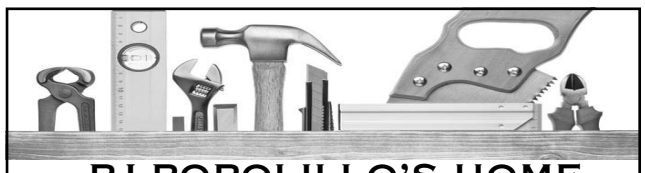
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It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Thomas Patrick Chisholm, aged 80, of Galloway, New Jersey, on Sept. 20, 2026. In the days preceding his passing, he was attended by devoted family members who visited continuously, ensuring he was never alone and departed peacefully.

Born on March 23, 1946, to Thomas and Marian Chisholm, Tom grew up in West Orange, New Jersey. He attended and graduated from Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair.

Soon after graduation, Tom volunteered and proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from 1964 to 1968, achieving the rank of sergeant. Following his military service, he dedicated himself to public safety and retired as a fire captain on the West Orange Fire Department.

It was during these years that Tom and his wife Mary welcomed their 3 children, Tommy, Katie and Mike, and later opened their hearts to two foster children.

This experience led them to become founders of CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates of Atlantic and Cape May Counties, Inc., which advocates for foster children through the court system.

In 1991, Tom moved with his wife and children to the town of Brigantine. There he started his own business, Chisholm Painting Company, before working for the Casino Control Commission as an inspector for 11 years.

Tom was a man of action — a fixer, builder, and lifelong learner. He loved golf, sports, music, movies, and was an avid reader. His hardworking nature and solid devotion to his family spoke volumes; he showed his love through what he did rather than what he said. He did, however, have a dry sense of humor that entertained all who knew him.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Chisholm (Fahy); his children, Tom Chisholm (wife Danielle), Katie Lanahan (husband Matt), and Mike Chisholm (wife Katie); and his cherished grandchildren, Madison and Tommy Chisholm, Charlotte, Madeline, and Lucy Lanahan, and Mikey Chisholm. He is also survived by his siblings, Joan Oates (late husband Kevin) and Richard Chisholm (wife Beverly), along with many loving nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Tom's life was defined by service, dedication, and love for his family — qualities that will continue to inspire all who knew him. His family and friends will forever carry his memory in their hearts.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all of Tom's caregivers, especially Marie, at Spring Home in Galloway; their compassionate care enabled him to enjoy his final years.

In honor of Tom's memory, and in lieu of flowers, the family requests Mass cards and/or donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.



Beloved Thomas Chrisholm

Dr. Zimmerman's Health Tips

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with calcium, which is essential for a growing pup's bone development and helps prevent limb deformities and fractures. Calcium also supports muscle contraction, nerve communication, and blood clotting. Even the thin membrane inside the shell offers benefits for joint health. For the best quality, I always recommend organically raised, free-range, pastured eggs, since they carry lower levels of unhealthy fats than conventional ones. The recipe serves about 1 cup per 10 pounds of body weight, and it's easy to batch-cook, portion out, and freeze for the week ahead. Prepare it by rendering beef fat into tallow in a pressure cooker, cooking your ingredients separately, then combining everything with helpful supplements like fish oil for omega-3 fatty acids. If your dog has been eating kibble loaded with seed oils, keep the menu on a white rice base for about six months to let stored fats clear, then swap in oats for extra fiber. Feed your pup this way, and you'll likely spend far less at the vet while giving your best friend the healthy life they deserve.



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The Arrival of Autumn

By Kelly Leyman

It's that time of year again. The geese are stopping by before their long journey in the sky.

It's a peaceful time, between seasons. The sun is still high in the sky but autumn is nearby.

The leaves are changing into their jewel tones of ruby and gold. And the hummingbirds are dancing their finale. A treasure to behold.

Take a breath. It's becoming cooler — enjoy the end of summer and embrace the colorful arrival of autumn.

The Arrival of Fall

By Anthony Diaz

The greens soften into amber
As summer releases its final breath.
Its hot haze begins to give way
To soft, cool breezes and slower steps.
The trees trade haste for color
As nature gets ready to sleep,
And every red and orange leaf seems to whisper…
There is nowhere else you need to be
The days are getting shorter,
People dress a little warmer.
Orchards bow beneath their apples,
Fields offer what the warm months grew.
Cinnamon drifts from quiet kitchens,
Familiar scents return once more.
What spring began and summer tended
Now finds its way inside our doors.
As the trees trade haste for color,
As we celebrate before winter's sleep,
Every red and orange leaf seems to whisper…
There's nowhere else I'd rather be.

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Thoughts Are Things

Ageless & Timeless

By Stephen T. Weeks

Self Help

Is The Best Help

THE ANCIENT LONGING! Even though many citizens here in the developed, or financially prosperous western world spend a lot of their time moaning & groaning, or complaining about this, that, or the other things that "get under their skin", most of us are, if not obsessed, at least more than concerned & interested in longevity - happy, or not - living a long, long Life, with hopefully, good health & sustainable economic supply - well into our 80's & 90's. My neighbor, Thomas Reilly, here in Brigantine will be 101 this Christmas, and surrounded by loving family & friends, is still quite active & good-humored every day.

If we Live to be 100, we still only get 36,500 days to Live, Breathe & Have Our Being - here in this wonderful Human Body - on the face of this miraculous Planet Earth. Fundamentally speaking, that's not a whole lot of time - especially if we really enjoy being Human. Now here we ask the simple question - what causes us to age - and how can we insure a pleasant & enjoyable aging process as time marches on?

STAY WITH THE PMA! Here at Thoughts we always recommend & suggest ways & means to develop & sustain a Positive Mental Attitude - one that not only supports & maintains a healthy & fun loving mental & emotional frame of mind & psychological atmosphere - but actually transforms our cellular & molecular systems into a biological powerhouse of fresh rejuvenation & regeneration within inside us, on an atomic & subatomic level.

In simpler terms, once we transform our fundamental, psychological foundations from doubt, fear, frustration & anxiety (the status quo), into a fearless, secure knowledge & understanding of our underlying connection to the force, power & intelligence of This Thing Called Life - or the Celestial & Terrestrial Intelligence that created & sustains every man, woman & child on this planet (not to mention the entire Cosmos) - we will have established an unbreakable & unchangeable mental, physical, spiritual & emotional Self Awareness, that will bring health, happiness & success to our Garden of Eden, ad infinitum.

SWEET & SOUR! Now certainly most everyone likes Chinese Sweet & Sour Soup, and sweet & sour shrimp, chicken, beef, etc. - in culinary circles, the juxtaposition of these tastes & flavors brings a wonderful joy to our palate - and is highly prized & recommended throughout the restaurants of the world. The dichotomy of spices, flavors, ingredients & cooking methods is a science & discipline that Chefs learn & relearn throughout their careers - and this life long learning brings pleasure to themselves, and their customers, who enjoy new, as well as classic offerings from their favorite Chefs & cookbooks.

If professional people engage in Life Long Learning - not only for their commercial benefits & success - but also to keep their chosen discipline fresh, fascinating, creative & productive, shouldn't we be interested in those same ideas where Being Human & Being Happy are concerned? When we look at the psychological menu of our potential mental & emotional dishes, it's important to choose the sweet dishes, and not the sour ones.

In this Life, on this Earth, there will certainly be plenty of the yin & yang - i.e. love & hate, joy & sorrow, happiness & sadness, good times & not so good times, enough to go around. If your habit is to like bad news, like trouble, like conflict & uncertainty - you've come to the right place - and world history is full of the drama & trauma experienced by, and usually caused by (except for natural disasters) the human beings. If on the other hand, you would like your Life, and your experience here to be sweet, harmonious, joyful, fulfilling & prosperous - it can be done, and done well indeed.

NEVER TOO LATE! No matter who you are, where you are, how old, or young you are, today is the day to begin weeding your psychological garden, removing the old, strangling ideas, ideals, concepts, limitations, beliefs & superstitions from your mental & emotional landscape, while replanting & reseeding your soil (Self) with productive, constructive, creative, soul-stirring ideals & realities, ones which are in fact & indeed absolutely true & trustworthy every morning, afternoon & evening of your Life.

You were born and have been the guest of This Thing Called Life, proven 22K times a day, with every Breath you take. This Breath is your Home, your Spirit, your Self - and the closer you get to it, and the more time you spend with it - consciously, the more comfortable & at ease you will feel. The more you turn to it & incorporate it consciously into your daily routines, the more fun Life will become.

Just as the Almighty Intelligence & Creative Universal Mind created our Celestial & Terrestrial environments - the Earth and the entire Cosmos - so we are creative, given the gift & power to feel & imagine our future with incredible proficiency. Once we learn to harness & utilize this simple & enjoyable creative ability, we will always be able to fulfill & realize our dreams, desires & necessities without stress, strain, uncertainty, hesitation, or disappointment - Forever & A Day! (Next Week, More Thoughts)

AFFIRMATIONS! (Mental & Emotional Exercise) Today I Identify With The Universal Intelligence That Runs Myself And My Celestial & Terrestrial Environment With Perfect Synchronicity, Equilibrium, Attention To Detail, And Unwavering Stability, Right Here & Right Now, As I Learn To Communicate With, And Depend Upon This Intelligence Divine, For The Fulfillment Of All My Most Creative Ideas, Ideals, Plans, Dreams, Designs & Expectations Of Good & Great Things To Come. Today I Remember & Recall All Of My Demonstrations Of Good & Great Resolutions & Outcomes In The Past, As A Therapeutic Remembrance Of The Active Presence Of Divine Intelligence In My Life & Affairs, Always Present, Always Active, Always Bringing Relief & Resolution To The Situations & Conditions In My Life, Easily, Lovingly, Peacefully, Gracefully & Successfully, Morning, Afternoon & Evening, From Here To Eternity. ALL Is Well!

Today I Humbly & Gratefully Accept & Embrace This Wonderful Connection I Have With The Divine, A Direct & Perfect Connection As This Force & Power Of Perfect Energy & Intelligence Is Always With Me, Living & Breathing Within Inside Me, As Me, Since I Took My First Breath, So Many Years Ago. Today I Rejoice Within Inside Myself, Within Inside Each Breath, Within Inside Every Moment, Within Inside The Workshop Of My Heart, Soul & Mind, As This Thing Called Life Is Unfolding In Perfect Harmony, Peace & Prosperity For Me & Mine, Morning, Afternoon & Evening, In Very Excellent & Dependable Ways. Today I Walk Hand In Hand, With Mother Nature & Father Time, Enjoying Every Moment, Enjoying Every Breath, Enjoying Every Adventure, Mentally, Physically, Spiritually & Emotionally, Forever & A Day. AND So It Is! stpweeks@gmail.com



Thank you for reading the Brigantine Times.

October News from St. Thomas

Welcome to Our New Pastor

Our new pastor, Father Edward Namiotka, is to be formally installed by the bishop of the Camden Diocese, Joseph A. Williams, at the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Oct. 3. This special occasion marks the beginning of the next phase in Father Ed's long career as he prepares to lead and guide his new shore parish. The Mass will be followed by a light reception in St. Philip Hall.

Animal Blessings

On Sunday, Oct. 4, to celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the annual blessing of animals will be held in St. Thomas' Church parking lot on Eighth Street from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Pets of all kinds — cats, dogs (on leashes), fish, birds, reptiles and rodents (in cages please) — are welcome, whether Catholic or not. Pet owners will receive a special blessing of St. Francis.

Flu Clinic

Flu shots will be given on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in St. Philip Hall, 331 8th Street S. Acme Pharmacy in Ventnor will provide the senior vaccine only. Be sure to bring your Medicare Part B and insurance cards with you.

Public Square Rosary Crusade

A public recitation of the rosary will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 12 noon on the W. Brigantine Avenue side of St. Thomas' parking lot. This event is part of rallies taking place across the United States on this date, sponsored by America Needs Fatima. Participation is strongly encouraged and appreciated. Please feel free to bring your own chair.

Hospitality Sunday

Hospitality Sundays resume on Oct. 11 with coffee, doughnuts and cinnamon buns in St. Philip Hall after all the morning Masses. Plan to start your day with family and friends and make some new friends, too. Also, our nursing staff will be on hand to offer blood pressure checks. It's a win-win.

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Barbara after getting Bingo at the event hosted at the VFW this past Monday. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).



These two sisters playing Bingo at the VFW. (Photo by Vincent DiDomenico).





Aimee Garhard and friends from the Brigantine Yacht Club traveled to the Amalfi Coast and are pictured here at a Lemon Tour with a copy of the Times. From left to right, Tom and Mary Parvesse, Mike & Heather Kelly, Aimee & Bob Gerhard, Carrie & Brian Mulford, and Kris & Chris Triolo.



Governor Sherrill inspects the extensive erosion on the north end of Brigantine. (Office of Governor / Tim Larsen)

MEGA News Week #23

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net with a very solid performance. John Watson (43/37) was the LG and Dan Adams (44/35.9) was 2LN.

John Rios birdied the 15th and Watson birdied the 16th were the only 'B' skins.

Jim McHugh (4' 3") at the 12th and John Rios (4'11") at the 15th won the cttps.

In C-flight, Dan Driscoll (46/35.8) wins the LN, John Morrell (50/41.4) gets LG and Joe Dougherty (52/36) was 2LN.

Two pars split the greenies, Morrell at the 15th and Driscoll at the 18th.

No cttp in 'C.'

In Senior A, Frank Casey (41/37.4) won low net in a match of cards over Tom Wittemann (42/37.4). Tom does get 2LN and qualifies for the T.O.C. Ed Podgorski (42/40.5) wins low gross honors.

Jerry Doyle won a skin with a birdie at the 11th, Joe Dillon's par at the 17th held up and Ed Podgorski's amazing birdie at the difficult 18th was a winner.

Mark Schrenk (8'4") at the 12th and Steve Frei (9' 4") at the 15th won cttp.

In Senior-B, Bo Mason (43/32.8) handled the wind with ease and took down the LN title. Ernie Purdy (42/34.2) continued his good run and won LG, Mike Tourigian (50/38.3) was 2nd LN.

VFW News

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er this week to make the Red Cross drive successful. Our next drive is scheduled for November. You can make an appointment at redcross.org.

Here's your save-the-date notice for Oktoberfest! We'll host the party Saturday, Oct. 17, from 2-6 p.m. in our outdoor venue. The menu promises to be excellent, and of course the Warsteiner beer will be on tap!

The Canteen bar menu has been updated and includes new items. It is a great menu! Members and guests can enjoy this new bar menu Tuesday through Sunday each week.

Members and guests

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VFW News

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can always catch Saturday college football action and the Sunday NFL action in the Canteen.

Our Weekly Lineup

This Friday (Oct. 2), we welcome the return of Doug Jennings for our entertainment at the VFW. Plan on dinner and fantastic entertainment!

Monday is bingo with Debbie calling the games! The kitchen is not open, but we have some easy pub food to keep you going.

Tuesday is trivia! Is your brain full of useless information? If so, we are looking for you. The kitchen is open Tuesday with a great menu. We are kicking off a new chapter in karaoke with host DJ Michael James Wednesday, Oct. 7, starting at 7 p.m.

The kitchen is open Tuesday through Sunday. Friday night is a more formal menu with salad, entrée, and dessert. Other days, the menu highlights sandwiches and pub fare. Members can join us for delicious meals any day of the week!

Canteen hours are Monday to Thursday, 1-10 p.m. Join us Fridays and Saturdays, noon to 11 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 10 p.m.

VFW6964.org; VFW Memorial Post 6964 Facebook page. Veterans Crisis Hotline is “988” — press 1.

National Day of...

Friday, October 2
National Name Your Car Day
National Fried Scallops Day

Saturday, October 3
National Caramel Custard Day
National Play Outside Day

Sunday, October 4
National Cinnamon Bun Day
National Golf Lover’s Day

Monday, October 5
National Do Something Nice Day
National Apple Betty Day

Tuesday, October 6
National Noodle Day
National Coaches Day

Wednesday, October 7
National Frappe Day
National Chocolate Covered Pretzel Day

Thursday, October 8
National Fluffernutter Day
National Pierogi Day





Joke of the Week

Why did Humpty Dumpty love autumn?

Because Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

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OCEANFRONT CONDO







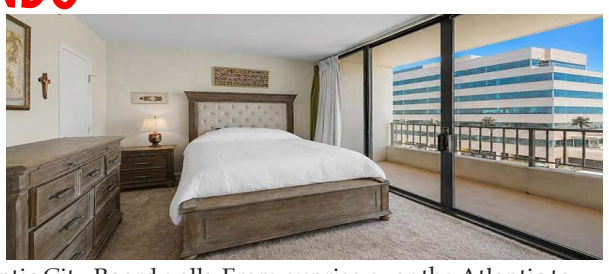
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Experience the ultimate oceanfront lifestyle at The Enclave, ideally situated directly on the beach and iconic Atlantic City Boardwalk. From sunrise over the Atlantic to sparkling city lights and colorful sunsets over the bay, this exceptional 14th floor corner end unit offers a view fromvirtually every room and the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the shore from morning to night. This spacious **2 bedroom, 2 bath** condo features an open floor plan designed to maximize the spectacular surroundings.

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SOUTH END 5 BEDROOM







ONE OF THE ISLAND'S BEST BUYS! Pristine and showing like new, this beautifully renovated **5 bedroom, 2.5 bath** South End home offers 2,594 sq. ft. of stylish coastal living on an oversized 75' x 100' lot. Walkable to the beach, shopping , and recreation center, it's an ideal choice for a primary residence, second home, or investment property. Renovated just three years ago, the bright open floor plan features a stunning kitchen with white shaker cabinetry, quartz countertops, Café line appliances, and a spacious butler's pantry with additional refrigerator,cabinetry, storage, and prep space.

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OPEN HOUSE
Sunday 10am-12pm 4533 #C Brigantine Blvd.







This exceptional residence offers a true luxury waterfront lifestyle where every day feels like a retreat. Designed for both relaxation and entertaining, the home features three bedroom suites, each with a private bath and its own deck access, creating serene personal escapes for family and guests. One suite is currently custom designed as a sophisticated waterfront office, ideal for those who appreciate working with inspiring bay views.
Home features **3 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms**, and a private boat slip!

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WILDWOOD CONDO COTTAGE





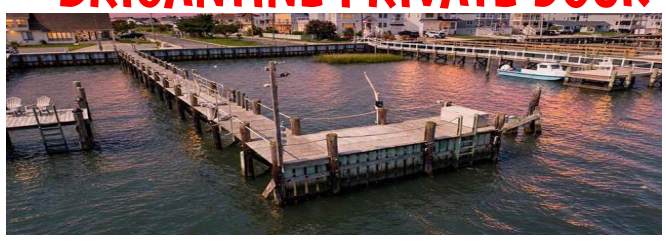


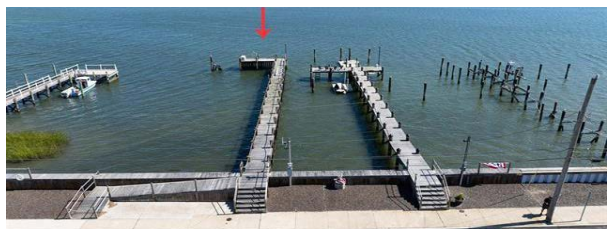
Experience the best of Wildwood living in this charming **2 bedroom, 1 bath** condo cottage with a versatile loft, ideally located just 2.5 blocks fromthe beach and world famous boardwalk. Leave the car behind and enjoy the convenience of being within easy walking distance to the shoreline,restaurants, shops, ice cream parlors, and all the excitement and entertainment that make Wildwood one of the Jersey Shore's most beloved destinations.

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