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Absecon Lighthouse volunteer John Hoh, center, teaches a tour group about the wreck of the Powhatan outside the Absecon Lighthouse in Atlantic City on Saturday. The lighthouse held a paranormal walking tour and investigation Saturday night, courtesy of volunteers and paranormal investigation group New Jersey Researchers of Paranormal Evidence.

Absecon Lighthouse offers historical tours with haunted twists

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ATLANTIC CITY — In 1857, the Absecon Lighthouse was constructed to combat the risk of shipwrecks following the wreck of the Powhatan off the coast of Long Beach Island in 1854.

This weekend, visitors of the lighthouse went on a journey in hopes of encountering those same Powhatan passengers — and other spirits — that may roam the halls of the historical Atlantic City landmark, according to lighthouse staff.

The Absecon Lighthouse held a paranormal walking tour and investigation Saturday night, courtesy of Absecon Lighthouse volunteers and paranormal investigation group New Jersey Researchers of Paranormal Evidence (NJROPE).

The tours have been an October staple for the lighthouse for over a decade. The Absecon Lighthouse gained national recognition among ghost enthusiasts following an appearance on a 2010 episode of Syfy Network’s “Ghost Hunters.”

“We’ve been doing this for at least close to 15 years,” said the lighthouse’s manager of operations, Milton Glenn.

“I am God’s worst skeptic. I believe there is an explanation for anything. I can’t explain what I’ve been exposed to



NJROPE director Frank Lazzaro goes through the tools being used for an investigation.

here. There’s no logical explanation for the things I’ve seen and the experiences I’ve had.”

The tour began at the anchor along the corner of Pacific and Rhode Island avenues, which was used to landmark the spread ashes of a man who’s dying wish was to have his final resting place be the Absecon Lighthouse. The tour ends at the top of the lighthouse. Stops in between educate guests on the macabre aspects of the lighthouse’s — and Atlantic City’s — history for

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Kim: GOP gets the blame in shutdown

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As a government shutdown drags on with no sign of a resolution, U.S. Sen. Andy Kim placed the blame on Republicans.

“There’s plenty of room for compromise,” Kim said after a Senate vote Wednesday. “Speaker Mike Johnson, as well as President Donald Trump, they’re not allowing that compromise to happen.”

The Senate on Thursday rejected dueling partisan bills to pay federal workers during the government shutdown, with both Republicans and Democrats deflecting blame as many employees are set to miss their first full paycheck at the end of this week. The U.S. Department of Agriculture posted a notice on its website that no federal food aid would go out Nov. 1.

With unpaid staff and law enforcement



Kim

standing nearby, Republicans objected as Democrats proposed a voice vote on their legislation to pay all federal workers and prevent Trump’s administration from mass firings. Democrats then blocked a Republican bill to pay employees who are working and not furloughed, 54-45.

The back and forth on day 23 of the government shutdown comes as the two parties are at a protracted impasse with no signs of either side giving in. Democrats say they won’t vote to reopen the government until Republicans negotiate with them on extending expiring subsidies under the Affordable Care Act. Republicans say they won’t negotiate on the

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Nine public schools set for postseason

Atlantic City is top seed in South Jersey Group V

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The Atlantic City High School football team is the No. 1 seed in the South Jersey Group V bracket.

The Vikings were one of nine public school teams from Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and southern Ocean counties to qualify for the postseason. Atlantic City will host traditional power and No. 8 seed Cherokee in a first-round game Friday.

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association announced the public school playoff pairings Sunday.

The state non-public playoff field will be announced next weekend.

Public school playoff games will be played Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Rival schools Ocean City and Mainland Regional will meet in a South Jersey Group III first-round game.

Other local qualifiers in South Jersey were: Atlantic City and Southern Regional in Group V; Cumberland Regional and Millville in Group IV; Pleasantville and Cedar Creek in Group III; and Lower Cape May in Group II.

Teams earned playoff spots based on their United Power Ranking, which is determined by their record and their opponents’ performances.

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