

Cleanup, concerns continue



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Shelters busy

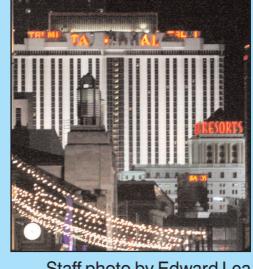
In addition to evacuees are recent arrivals who can't stay in their storm-damaged homes. **C1**

Beware scams

Some unscrupulous contractors will be eager to take advantage of property owners. **A5**

Can't get to job?

Residents of 8 counties may qualify for federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance. **A11**



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Slots still silent

Gov. Chris Christie expresses concern about issues in the rest of the city. **A10**

NJEA cancels

The move gives school districts a chance to make up days missed because of Sandy. **C4**



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Fighting looting

Atlantic City resident Angela Jones found her home emptied out by burglars. **A14**

Open and shut

See what's closed and what to check when you return home. **C8**



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Frustration mounts in New York and other states hit by Sandy. **A3**

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Erroneous reports on damage are the last thing A.C. needs. **A12**

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Staff photo by Dale Gerhard
Sand covers Central Avenue at 52nd Street in Ocean City. See how the city is coping with storm damage on C1, and more photos on C7.



Press photo by Dave Griffin
Homes along the Delaware Bay in Fortescue were severely damaged while others were swept away during Sandy. See story on C1.



Staff photo by Danny Drake
Members of the Ship Bottom Volunteer Fire Company are going house to house checking gas meters for leaks.

SAND, SAND EVERYWHERE

Storm left behind clogged roads and much damage on LBI

By DONNA WEAVER

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As Hank Bechler watched the water rise Monday night at the 20th Street beach in Ship Bottom, he said, he was thinking about the movie "The Perfect Storm."

"When the moon came out, all I could think of was George Clooney saying, 'It's not going to let us out.' And it didn't," Bechler said.

On Long Beach Island Thursday, authorities opened access to parts of the island after a storm brought by Hurricane Sandy on Monday and Tuesday caused massive flooding and wind damage. Essential personnel were allowed back on the island and workers struggled to restore utilities to homes and businesses.

Other contractors are working to clear away sand that has rendered many of the roads impassable, according to the island's joint offices of emergency management.

Bechler was sifting through the remnants of his life Thursday afternoon at his bayview Terrace home, a small



Staff photo by Danny Drake
Construction equipment pushes sand into a pile on Atlantic Avenue in Beach Haven. Many of the roads on Long Beach Island remain impassable. See a full page of photos of damage on the island on C6.

Mayor submits request to reopen Atlantic City

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Mayor Lorenzo Langford will make a formal request that the governor reopen Atlantic City this morning.

Langford, along with Public Safety Director Willie Glass

and Police Chief Ernest Jubilee, surveyed the city Thursday evening and found enough power was back to merit the reopening at 8 a.m.

Earlier in the day, Gov. Chris Christie reopened all but two

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By STEVEN LEMONGELLO

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Howard Rosenfeld said he would never leave his home in Margate again after not being allowed back for three days — and not being given a timeline of when he could return.

On Thursday, Gov. Chris Christie rescinded the evacuation order for

Margate, Longport and Brigantine. Atlantic City and Ventnor remained under evacuation on the orders of local officials, who continue to prohibit access while public safety and public health concerns are resolved.

While the governor's decision was

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Price gouging allegations in hundreds

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Sandy isn't the only thing that has devastated state residents — hundreds of allegations of price gouging have come into the state Division of Consumer Affairs.

"We've deployed approximately 50 investigators and teams throughout the state," Eric Kanefsky, acting DCA director, said Thursday. "We're actively investigating and being very, very aggressive to combat it."

He said the main complaints have been about gas stations, lodging, food and other necessities.

Kanefsky would not name the places allega-

Expressway clogged at detour



Staff photo by Vernon Ogrodnek
Cars are backed up on the Atlantic City Expressway attempting to get into Atlantic City near Exit 5.

Residents beat travel ban by walking to A.C.

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Frustrated by the continued ban on travel into the barrier islands, and running low on cash and supplies, some Atlantic City residents walked miles to get into the city via the Black Horse Pike on Thursday morning.

Gov. Chris Christie lifted the ban Thursday into other Atlantic County barrier islands, but the ban remained in Atlantic City and Ventnor.

"It was all about persistence," said Daniel King. "Our motivation was to get

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