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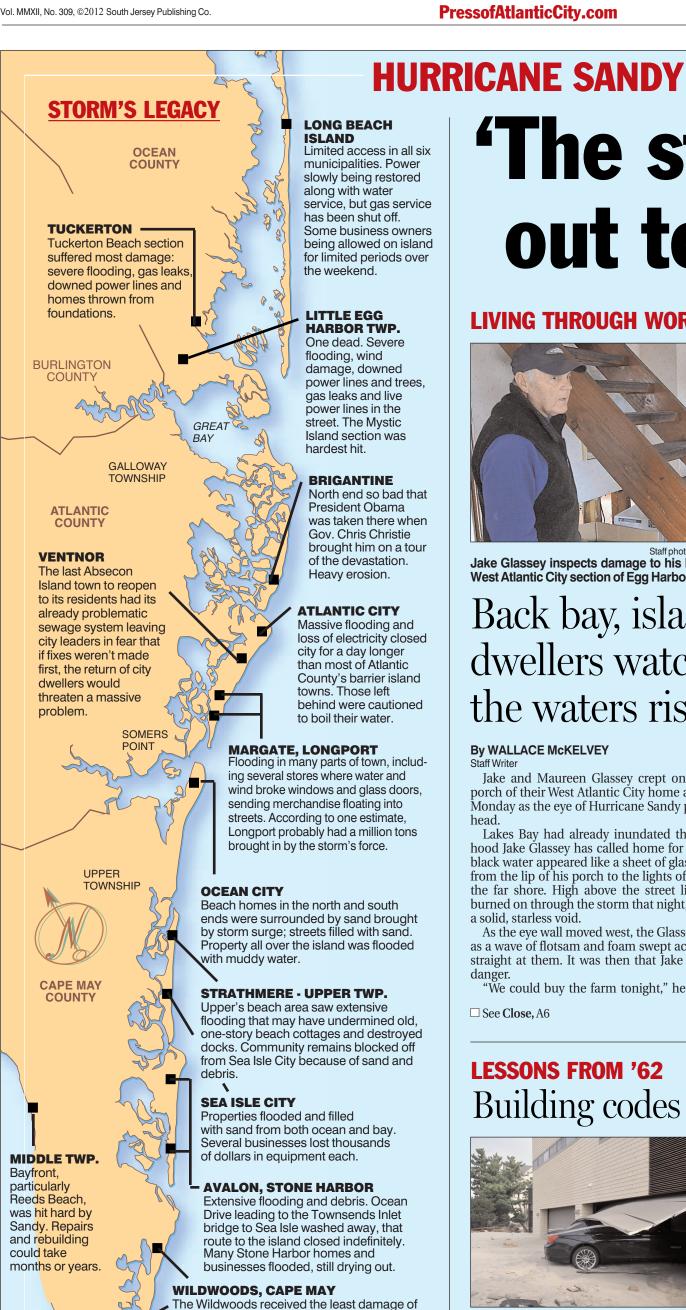
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# 'The storm was out to get us'

### LIVING THROUGH WORST



Staff photo by Ben Fogletto

Jake Glassey inspects damage to his home in the West Atlantic City section of Egg Harbor Township.

## Back bay, island dwellers watched the waters rise

By WALLACE McKELVEY

Jake and Maureen Glassey crept onto the front porch of their West Atlantic City home about 8 p.m. Monday as the eye of Hurricane Sandy passed over-

Lakes Bay had already inundated the neighborhood Jake Glassey has called home for 35 years. Its black water appeared like a sheet of glass extending from the lip of his porch to the lights of Margate on the far shore. High above the street lights, which burned on through the storm that night, the sky was a solid, starless void.

As the eye wall moved west, the Glasseys watched as a wave of flotsam and foam swept across the bay straight at them. It was then that Jake realized the

"We could buy the farm tonight," he remembers

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### **UPDATE**

# **Business** owners let back onto part of LBI

By DONNA WEAVER

Owners of Ship Bottom and Beach Haven businesses are being allowed to return to check on their properties, and Long Beach Township residents may be allowed back this week to check on

their properties in limited numbers. Ship Bottom Mayor William Huelsenbeck announced Saturday morning during a news conference that restaurant owners were allowed to return to the borough to remove food and debris from the businesses and secure build-

The rest of the commercial businesses in Ship Bottom will be permitted to do the same from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today. A return day for homeowners in the

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## Building codes helped save properties



Staff photo by Michael Ein

Sunny

A car takes out a garage door at a beachfront home in the Loveladies section of Long Beach Township.

By JENNIFER BOGDAN and HOA NGUYEN

Jim Wheaton watched in disbelief when the town he grew up in, North Wildwood, was overrun by the March Storm of 1962.

Several boats broke loose from Stone Harbor during that three-day storm and landed on the beach near his home on Surf Avenue. Even his lawn — considered one of the highest elevations in town — was beneath floodwater.

Fast-forward 50 years — during which North Wildwood added a seawall, dunes and other measures that help protect it from natural disas-– and the 81-year-old retired real estate agent fared far better with Hurricane Sandy.

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