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HURRICANE SANDY

CASINOS, ISLANDS CLOSE FOR STORM



Workers board up doors and windows on the Boardwalk entrance to Bally's Atlantic City on Saturday. The city's casinos are expected to halt gambling operations by 3 p.m. today and close by 4 p.m.

Past storms no indicator, Christie says

By JOEL LANDAU
Staff Writer

State and local officials Saturday stressed the severity of Hurricane Sandy, which is expected to hit the region tonight, and the need for residents to evacuate if they are in dangerous areas.

Officials hoped residents would overcome any storm-preparation fatigue due to other recent weather events and heed warnings of Sandy's possible effects, especially along the islands.

An evacuation of all New Jersey barrier islands is in effect for 4 p.m. today, and people will not be allowed to re-enter for an indefinite period of time, as forecasts say high winds and heavy rain could last

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'I know we get cynical about this stuff, but we can't afford to be,' Gov. Chris Christie said about storm plans Saturday in North Wildwood

Staff photo by Edward Lea

A.C. shutdown starts at noon

By EMILY PREVITI
Staff Writer

Atlantic City will clear out its casinos, other businesses and neighborhoods starting at noon today in advance of the tidal surges and 60 mph winds expected from the storm driven by Hurricane Sandy.

Gov. Chris Christie's mandatory evacuation order issued Saturday means all gambling operations

must cease by 3 p.m. and casino-hotels close by 4 p.m. today.

The required evacuation of Absecon Island was the second in history. The first was prompted by Tropical Storm Irene in August 2011.

"It's very prudent for (residents) to heed this advice and get out of the city if you can," Mayor Lorenzo

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Additional coverage

Who's staying, who's leaving: Residents consider whether to obey evacuation orders. **A8**

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Last race hurdles: Sandy, jobs data

The two parties argue math vs. momentum as Barack Obama and Mitt Romney plead their cases in the battleground states.

By STEVE PEOPLES and THOMAS BEAUMONT
Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — One final jobs report before Election Day and the big storm threatening the East Coast loom large as President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney head into the final full week of campaigning in a race polls show is extraordinarily close.

Democrats claim math is on the president's side. Republicans insist Romney's got the momentum.

"We're seeing more and more enthusiasm, and more and more support," a confident Romney says in messages to supporters, arguing that his performances in the three presidential debates has reinvigorated his campaign and created a national movement.

Obama is banking on his get-out-the-vote efforts in the most competitive states. He's also making personal

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Obama's detached personality and reluctance to schmooze may have led to some of his failures, friends and foes say. **A3**

How the campaigns use the latest high-tech marketing tools to deliver the right message to the right audience. **A4**

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Veterans aid center comes to Galloway

Restoration Outreach Christian Kare Center Inc. of Trenton is opening a new center to assist veterans. The facility on Odessa Avenue, which will open Thursday, will have a computer lab, social hall, gym and offices. **C1**

Economic stress is wearing on people's health, doctors say

From jaw problems caused by anxiety to sleeplessness, health providers say the recession has taken a toll.

By MICHAEL MILLER
Staff Writer

South Jersey residents, like others across the nation, are feeling economic stress, and that's leading to sleepless nights, dental issues and, in extreme cases, heart attacks.

Philip Pecoraro knows this stress. Pecoraro, 35, of Ocean City, has been unemployed since April, when he was laid off from a movie theater. Since then, he has had trouble finding a job with benefits to support himself and his wife.

"This is the worst situation I've seen. Even when I was underemployed, at least I had a job," he said.

Pecoraro trained as a chef at the Atlantic Culinary Institute in Dover, N.H. He would like to work in that field again, but with more people eating at home to save money, fewer restaurants are hiring. In the meantime, he spent the summer applying

for retail jobs that went to college and high school students, he said.

"I'm worrying about money from the time I wake up to the time I go to sleep at night," he said. "It's stressful. I'm gaining weight. We don't eat very healthy."

Pecoraro is not alone. The stress of

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Philip Pecoraro, 35, of Ocean City

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