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## Panel urges international flights

Tourism leaders see growth in direct access for visitors from U.K., Canada

By ANJALEE KHEMLANI

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Catering to international visitors by adding direct flights from abroad to Atlantic City International Airport could increase tourism and business for the region, those gathered for the Jersey Shorecast conference were told Friday.

"People want to be able to travel easily



to get to the destination that they are having their convention in," said Larry Sieg, vice president of marketing for Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority.

Sieg was among the panelists Friday morning during the fifth annual conference at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club in Galloway Township, which addressed marketing campaigns for Atlantic, Cape

May and Ocean counties to attract tourists to the region as it recovers from Hurricane Sandy.

Sieg said the need for international visitors to fly into Philadelphia and make additional arrangements to get to Atlantic City can make reaching the resort seem impossible.

"It is a perception we struggle with on a

□ See Tourism, A5

## COMING SUNDAY

The Jersey Shore has come a long way since Hurricane Sandy struck last fall.

Boardwalks are back, businesses are open. And millions are being spent in marketing as the state tries to dispel the nationwide belief that the Jersey Shore as a tourist attraction was destroyed.

Memorial Day is just two weeks away, and the cry from the Jersey Shore is clear: We Are Back.

Read our report on Sunday's front page of The Press of Atlantic City.



## Where'd Bert go?

Sheraton moves Miss America host's statue



Staff photo by Michael Ein

Vincent Greco, left, of Gloucester Township, and Bob Friedlander, of Galloway Township, work in a park near an empty pedestal where a statue of Bert Parks once stood outside the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel.

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Bert Parks had stood guard in front of the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel for more than 14 years without incident.

Arms outstretched and holding one of Miss America's iconic crowns, the life-sized bronze likeness of the man known as Mr. Miss America was ready to provide a "crowning moment" to any traveler curious enough to see whether she ... or he, for that matter ... might fit under the sparkling crown.

That was, until earlier this year when Bert disappeared from his perch in the tea garden outside the hotel. With news that the pageant would return to its birthplace in



**Video:** The Press asks — who was Bert Parks? [bit.ly/pressparkspics](http://bit.ly/pressparkspics)

**Photos:** View our Bert Parks gallery at: [bit.ly/pressparkspics](http://bit.ly/pressparkspics)

September, his disappearance sparked concern as people began to wonder where the

□ See Statue, A5



Staff photo by Edward Lea

Meghan Ceci, executive assistant to the general manager of the Sheraton, stands with the Parks statue, which the hotel moved inside after it was damaged.

## Fisherman's body found

Port Norris fisherman Joshua Catlett's body was found Thursday in southern Delaware and identified Friday, State Police said. Catlett, 24, had been missing and presumed dead since April 4. **C1**

## Benghazi memos altered

Political considerations influenced talking points the U.N. ambassador used five days after the deadly assault in Libya, with State officials asking that references to terror be deleted, department emails show. **A3**

## Crowd seeks 'justice for April' at Kauffman vigil

By LYNDY COHEN

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LINWOOD — April Kauffman's daughter is done being quiet.

A year after the local radio personality and veterans advocate was fatally shot in her Linwood home, more than 100 people gathered Friday on the bike path down the block to remember her and let her still-free killer know justice will be served.

**Video:** Watch vigil footage at: [bit.ly/pressvigil](http://bit.ly/pressvigil)

**Photos:** View our gallery at: [bit.ly/presskauffmanpics](http://bit.ly/presskauffmanpics)

"I'm coming out of hiding and making sure this person pays," said Kauffman's only

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Daughter Kimberly Pack, of Linwood, hugs a friend Friday during a vigil in memory of her mother, radio host and veterans advocate April Kauffman.

Staff photo by Ben Fogletto

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