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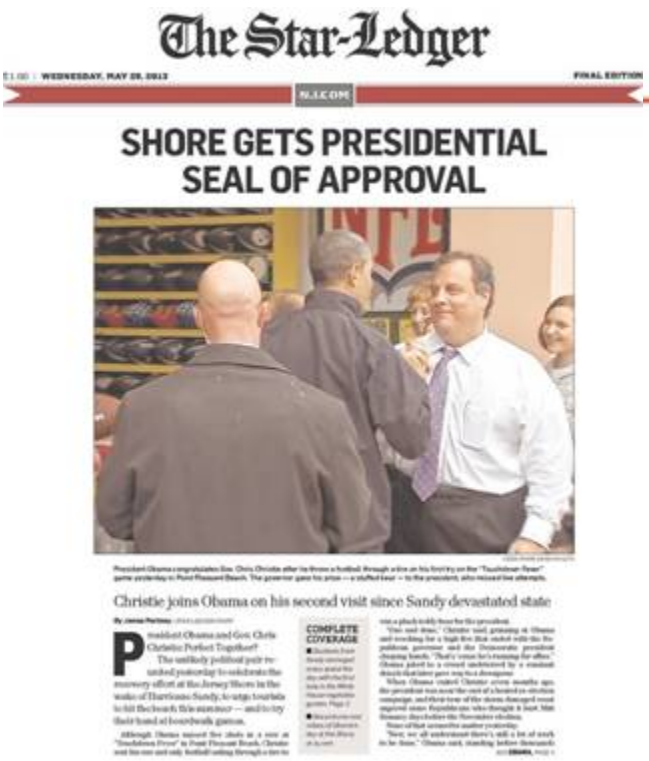

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SHORE GETS PRESIDENTIAL SEAL OF APPROVAL

President Obama congratulates Gov. Chris Christie after he threw a football through a tire on his first try on the "Touchdown Fever" game yesterday in Point Pleasant Beach. The governor gave his prize — a stuffed bear — to the president, who missed five attempts.

Christie joins Obama on his second visit since Sandy devastated state

By Jenna Portney

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President Obama:

Shore is back

By JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press

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President Barack Obama plays the "Touchdown Fever" arcade game on the boardwalk during his visit to Point Pleasant on Tuesday.

After the support both men established in the wake of the October storm, Tuesday's joint tour from Point Pleasant Beach to Asbury Park held opportunities for both. Obama, eager to put a comparison face on the federal government after the troubles facing the Internal Revenue Service, used the visit to praise the response of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. For Christie, it was a chance to showcase the state's shuttered beaches and draw attention to a $40 billion industry in the state.

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This time, the imagery is less powerful but equally convenient. Christie, who first with Obama aboard his Marine One helicopter in running for re-election in a Democratic-leaning state, and Obama gets to be seen with a high-visibility Republican at a time that such bipartisanship is rare in Washington. Christie's black Democratic opponent, state Sen. Barbara Buono, did get to meet Obama before the speech as part of a bipartisan group of about 30 local and state officials invited to get photographs taken with the president.

If conservatives remain wary of Christie's embrace, Christie showed them one way to beat Obama: with a flick of a football. At a beach walk arcade on Point Pleasant, the Democratic president and the GOP governor took turns tossing footballs at a tire. Obama shot more far flies; Christie went one for two.

"Our and done!" Christie declared after sinking his throw.

"That's issue he's running for office!" Obama laughed, as he gave Christie a high-five ending with both men clasping hands.

The arcade operator noting that Obama was from Chicago, chose a stuffed bear with a Chicago Bears logo and handed it to the president. As the men made their way down the boardwalk, [illegible] "Junghland" by New Jersey's native son and Christie favorite Bruce Springsteen blared from speakers.

Later under a steady drizzle in Asbury Park before a crowd of almost 1,000, Obama said the job of repairing the $50 billion in damage inflicted by the storm is not over. He said his return visit was intended to show he's still committed to putting the federal government to work. When all is said and done, Obama assured people, the Jersey Shore will be better and more resilient than it was before.

"I could see being a little younger and having some fun on the Jersey Shore," Obama said to laughter. "I can't do that anymore. Maybe after I leave office."

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Obama, Christie praise government storm response

By JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press

President Barack Obama shakes hands with Gov. Chris Christie before speaking outside at Asbury Park Convention Hall Tuesday. Obama traveled to New Jersey to join Christie in inspect and tour the Jersey shore's recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy.

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President Obama among the crowd outside Convention Hall in Asbury Park on Tuesday after speaking about the recovery.

Christie gets his turn in presidential spotlight

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POLITICAL STILE

President Obama entered in New Jersey on Tuesday with a valuable prop for Governor Christie — the historic walk the presidential and previously displayed.

It was a small but significant detail for Christie, who just eight try to unseated Obama in the Oval Office. The governor, who tongue-lashes critics at every half events, moved infused with a rare generosity. He was now the serious statesman, speaking before a sea of cameras. It was as if he were auditioning for the role.

"Republicans, Democrats, independents — we all come together because Jersey is more important, our lives more important than any kind of politics at all," Christie said before introducing Obama to a soggy, midwest crowd crammed outside Asbury Park's convention hall.

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Governor Christie introducing President Obama in Asbury Park.

Obama cheers N.J.'s recovery but sees years of work ahead

By MELISSA HAYES and NERE JACKSON
STAFF WRITERS

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President Obama and Gov. Christie on the boardwalk at Point Pleasant. Obama spent 2 hr 5 in a football toss game. Christie nailed it on the first try.

Jersey Boys II

Obama joins Christie again, this time to praise the Shore's recovery.

By Matt Katz
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

ASBURY PARK, N.J. — The boys of October came back, just in time for summer.

"Jersey, you're still not a long road ahead, but when you look out on this beach — this beautiful beach here — even in the rain, it looks good!" President Obama said to thousands who crowded

approved on the Asbury Park boardwalk despite a chilly and boozy afternoon.

The Democratic president had last taken a tour of the Jersey Shore with Republican Gov. Christie — commander of the last man they took, in October, immediately after Sandy battered the state's coastline.

This time, the circumstances were different. Obama and Christie were taking some flying of a victory lap. Highlighting the federal funds and local resiliency that led to dramatic rebuilding successes in some places. They also were using the power to tell America that the Shore was ready for the summer tourism dollars coming to the state's economy.

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BEACH BUDDIES

'When we make a commitment that we got your back, we mean it,' Obama tells Jersey shore crowd

President Barack Obama walks with Gov. Chris Christie after arriving Tuesday at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Obama tour carried Point Pleasant Beach and Asbury Park.

By Ron Rubenstein
Associated Press

ASBURY PARK — President Barack Obama and Gov. Chris Christie promoted the Jersey shore's summer tourism economy Tuesday while praising the federal government's role in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, reprising their bunch-buddy routine in a display of mutual assistance with potential political dividends.

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President Barack Obama greets a crowd of people lined up along the Point Pleasant Beach boardwalk on Tuesday.

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EYES ON THE PRIZE

President Obama in Point Pleasant Beach while revisiting the Jersey Shore with Governor Christie on Tuesday. The president was awarded a stuffed bear after playing a football toss game with the governor.

By MELISSA HAYES and NERI JACKSON
STAFF WRITERS

Obama impressed with Shore's progress, but says full recovery years away

President Obama's trip to the Jersey Shore gave the region its biggest break yet, but he acknowledged that it would take years — and months — for the state to recover from the devastation of Superstorm Sandy.

"You are stronger than the storm," Obama told a crowd in Asbury Park, echoing the New Governor Christie sign in a frolicsome football set campaign promoting tourism at the Shore.

Obama's visit to the rain-eroded boardwalks in Point Pleasant Beach and Asbury Park on Tuesday came after Christie, a Republican running for a second term, spent the weekend highlighting recovery efforts up and down the coast.

State Sen. Barbara Buono, the Middlesex County Democrat likely to face Christie in the November ballot, was part of a small group of officials from both parties who met separately with Obama.

Obama, who came to New Jersey partway days after the Oct. 29 storm caused widespread destruction, said his trip — like the hel

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lions in federal aid now coming to the state — was meant to show his concern back to the recovery.

"For anybody who hasn't seen their house which yet or is still trying to get their business up and running again, after all these years, we don't want them to think that anywhere we're checked in here just we've moved on," he said. "That's part of the reason I came back."

Christie, who became a fiscal conservative against opposition to his own party in a $60 billion federal aid package primarily for Sandy victims, endorsed the President twice on Tuesday.

"Everybody came together — Republicans, Democrats, independents — we all came together because New Jersey is more tougher than and was thinner than any kind of politics at all," Christie said.

In the seven months since the storm hit, the federal government has spent billions to replenish flood insurance and disaster funds that were depleted by Sandy. The disaster package also included funds for Community Development Block Grants, flexible funds for homeowners and businesses, as well as money for beach protection, transportation and public works projects intended to make the New Jersey-New York region better able to withstand future storms.

The grants are just starting to be paid out — the state was awarded $1.4 billion in Community Development Block Grants earlier this year, but it only began accepting homeowner applicants on Friday — and many homeowners are waiting to see the cities, towns or local flood maps from the Federal Emergency Management Agency before they begin to rebuild.

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Jersey Shore: The Sequel

BEACH REUNION: President Obama pulled up with New Jersey Republican Gov. Chris Christie for a bipartisan tour of the rebound from superstorm Sandy. Their joint appearance last fall was criticized by some in the GOP. A4, A20

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Gov. Chris Christie greets President Barack Obama Tuesday at Convention Hall in Asbury Park. THOMAS P COSTELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Obama: 'We've got your back'

Shore's cheerleader in chief renews vow to help

By Dustin Racioppi
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President Barack Obama, accompanied by Gov. Chris Christie, stops to play the "Touchdown Fever" arcade game on the boardwalk during their visit to Point Pleasant on Tuesday. Obama traveled to New Jersey to join Christie to inspect and tour the Jersey Shore's recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy.

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Obama visits shore reborn after Sandy

By Jenna Portney
The Star-Ledger

ASBURY PARK — Seven months after President Barack Obama toured the Jersey Shore and viewed the damage wrought by Sandy, he returned Tuesday to praise the progress that has been made and noted the long way it has to go.

"So understand there's still a lot of work to be done," Obama said outside Asbury Park Convention Hall with Gov. Chris Christie by his side. "There are homes to rebuild. There are businesses to reopen. There are landmarks and beaches and boardwalks that aren't all the way back yet. But thanks to the hard work of an awful lot of people, we've got, you-

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POLITICAL MEMO

No Partisan Fire at the Shore: An Obama-Christie Reunion

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR and MARK LEIBOVICH

POINT PLEASANT BEACH, N.J. — Political rivals strange bedfellows, President Obama and Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey affirmed this notion, and enjoyed its benefits, on Tuesday in a drizzly reunion on the Jersey Shore, seven months after Hurricane Sandy punished the famous resortlike and united them in an unlikely political partnership.

Re-elected yet freshly embattled, the president was making his first visit here since the storm wreaked the final days of the 2012 presidential campaign. As he did in October, the governor, now surgically thinner, received Mr. Obama with unrestrained gratitude, showing no hint of the partisan pitchfork tendencies that he flaunt ed in captured on YouTube persona of his first term.

At one point, the pair took an unannounced stroll down the Point Pleasant Boardwalk before stopping at an arcade so Mr. Obama could try to win a teddy bear by throwing a football through a hole in a game called "Touchdown Fever." After a few misses, Mr. Obama scored headed for another public while his calamity, adding to a litany that includes a string of botched basketball free throws on the White House court last month, a horrifically ugly first pitch at a Washington Nationals game in 2010 and a display of bowling incompetence in Pennsylvania during the 2008 Democratic primaries.

But before the football issues on Tuesday spiraled into far out of control for the president, Gover-

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"We all came together because New Jersey is more important and our citizens are more important than any kind of politics at all."

– New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie

President Barack Obama gives a speech in Asbury Park, N.J., on the successful rebuilding of the Jersey shore. Obama and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie teamed up again Tuesday to tour areas damaged by Hurricane Sandy last October.

'The Jersey shore is back and open for business'

President joins New Jersey governor for a victory tour — complimenting each other's efforts in helping the state recover from Hurricane Sandy.

By Steve Holland
AP Reporter

ASBURY PARK, N.J. — President Barack Obama and New Jersey's Republican governor, Chris Christie, strolled along the Jersey shore boardwalk Tuesday, a political odd couple just hanging out together.

The two men had a common purpose: promote the recovery of the Jersey shore from the after effects of Hurricane Sandy, a storm that hit in the final days of last year's presidential election campaign and which, because of Obama's well-received show of concern, may have helped him win re-election.

When it came time to throw a football through a hanging tire at the Touchdown Fever arcade game on the boardwalk in Point Pleasant, it was Christie who had a successful toss, an unguided spiral that went through the tire, after Obama had tried and missed five times with his left-handed throw.

The two leaders gave each other a celebratory high-five, and then Obama referenced Christie's re-election campaign.

"That's because he's running for office," Obama declared to throngs of tourists, who recorded it all on their smartphones as a light rain fell. Obama received the prize for Christie's performance — a stuffed bear with a Chicago Bears logo. Then they worked the rope line.

Christie, however, may not be just running for re-election this year as New Jersey governor. He may have rights on running for the Republican presidential nomination in 2016.

Christie's recent decision to undergo lap-band surgery to lose weight was seen as a possible clue to his higher aspirations.

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President returns to N.J. to witness recovery firsthand

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"I love coming back," Obama said to hundreds in the rebuilding crowd, as rain soaked the turned boardwalk in front of Convention Hall.

It may have been a relief for Obama to flee Beltway tensions and the Internal Revenue Service scandal investigation, but it was just as welcome for this storm-struck region to have perhaps the single most effective cheerleader for the rebuilding effort and to deliver the message that the Jersey Shore is open for business.

Obama, who last visited New Jersey in the days after superstorm Sandy, brought a ray of hope to an otherwise raw and drizzling day in which the crowd either stood or sat sand on the beach or sat in rain-drenched bleachers. He displayed his political charm, name-checking the tiny Shore towns of Sea Bright and Sea Head while projecting his speech with ex-

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Stuffed bear aside, governor wins big in campaign battle

By Michael Symons
Correspondent

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Meanwhile, far behind and to the side of the podium outside the Asbury Park Convention Hall, an Christie's likely Democratic opponent in this year's gubernatorial race, Sen. Barbara Buono, who had to settle for a quick conversation with Obama as one of 20 officials on hand for a handshake and photo.

Montclair State University political scientist Brigid Harrison said that "clearly here this scenario played out place, into Christie's hands."

"This kind of cooperative relationship that he has forged — even if it is just a PR, because — reflects positively on his leadership," Harrison said. "Just there's no denying that in a state like New Jersey, where we tend to treat Washington as our federal politics enemy, this bipartisan cooperation with really well-

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Obama and Christie partake in a boardwalk game of Touchdown Fever.
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Christie campaign gets boost from appearance

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Obama tours the boardwalk in Point Pleasant Beach with Gov. Chris Christie.

Crowds cheer during Obama's visit to Convention Hall in Asbury Park.

Obama speaks outside Convention Hall in Asbury Park.

Presidential vow: We're not done yet

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Obama takes time for boardwalk fun

By Ken Serrano, Kristi Funderburk, Bill Bowman and Dustin Racioppi

On paper it was as safe a bet as any: the lanky, basketball-playing commander from Chicago over the heavy-set Jersey guy in a game of Touchdown Fever.

In a boardwalk game in which the participant tries to spiral a football through a swinging tire, both President Barack

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President's visit boon to governor

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Obama: The Shore is back

Beach buddies once again, the president and the New Jersey governor celebrated the Shore.

By JIM KUHNHENN
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Embattled Obama welcomed in N.J.

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ASBURY PARK — When President Barack Obama's advisers asked him last week whether he'd rather be in Washington on Tuesday or at the Jersey Shore, where the love comes from all directions — even the Republican governor — the choice, Obama admitted, was not difficult.

After back-slapping with Gov. Chris Christie and mingling with supportive crowds in nearby Point Pleasant Beach, Obama boarded to the podium here to face a boardwalk full of soggy supporters.

"I love you back," Obama said to hundreds in the adoring crowd, as rain soaked the famed boardwalk in front of Convention Hall.

It may have been a relief for Obama to flee Beltway tensions and the Internal Revenue Service scandal investigation, but it was just as welcome for this storm-struck region to host perhaps the singlemost effective cheerleader

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Asbury Elementary School students line Route 71 as President Barack Obama's motorcade passes by Tuesday morning en route to Point Pleasant Beach. Below, the president speaks outside Convention Hall in Asbury Park. He toured the Jersey Shore with Gov. Chris Christie. PHOTOS BY THOMAS P. COSTELLO/JERSEY PRESS MEDIA

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Officials prepare for storm season

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ATLANTIC CITY — Superstorm Sandy departed the Jersey Shore seven months ago this week, but as President Barack Obama's visit to Asbury Park on Tuesday points out, Sandy is still front and center in many minds.

Moreover, the 2013 hurricane season opens Saturday and storm trackers predict a bad year.

With that in mind, representatives of Atlantic City Electric, the American Red Cross Southern Shore Chapter, and Atlantic City Office stakeholders spoke Tuesday in Boardwalk Hall about the reaction to Sandy and preparedness for future storms.

It was part of National Hurricane Preparedness Week.

The goal was to provide information on ways to better prepare for the upcoming storm season and the resources that are available before, during and after a storm. Atlantic

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