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GRIM TOLL OF

The numbers

100,000

Estimated number of Long Island and Rockaways homes and businesses destroyed or severely damaged

\$30B

Superstorm Sandy's estimated cost in property damage along its entire path in the United States

\$20B

Total estimated cost from two weekdays of lost business output in all affected states

36,000

Estimated number of people in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut who so far have requested individual assistance from FEMA

1,757

The number of people in Long Island shelters

SOURCES: LIPA, FEMA, Moody's Analytics, NYS

ON THE COVER

Lisa Beardsley, right, hugs neighbor Pamela Danziger amid debris along Bayview Avenue West in Lindenhurst. Both of their homes were badly damaged.



LONG BEACH. Residents remove their possessions from their Nevada Street homes yesterday. The city was working to restart its

WRECKAGE

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LIPA: 100,000 homes, businesses in dire straits

BY BART JONES

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About 100,000 homes and businesses on Long Island and the Rockaway peninsula were destroyed or severely damaged by superstorm Sandy, the Long Island Power Authority said in its first estimate of ruination from floods, winds and fire.

Those customers may be removed from LIPA's list for restoration, chief operating officer Michael Hervey said yesterday, because the structures either were demolished, badly flooded or seriously harmed.

"Some of those buildings don't exist" as a result of the storm, Hervey said. "Others will repair and come back."

The sobering number came as the storm's death toll rose yet again on the Island and in New York City, and as some people were injured in its aftermath.

Suffolk police said a Bay Shore man, 80, died after he fell on his front steps during the height of the storm Monday night — the sixth storm-related death on the Island. In the city, at least 38 people were confirmed dead.

In Central Islip, six people suffering from carbon monoxide exposure, from a basement generator, were rescued, and Nassau University Medical Center reported people injured while attempting to clear damage.

Still, there were signs of progress as the pace of recuperation picked up. In addition to the efforts of state, county and municipal agencies, the National Guard and the American Red Cross, aid poured in from other states and a host of federal agencies — the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

FEMA opened assistance centers to give people advice and help them apply for aid. In a conference call last night, President Barack Obama got up-

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dates from local New York officials, including Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano and Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, who told the president that breaches on Fire Island, which protects the South Shore against erosion, now mean "hundreds of thousands of homes" are in danger.

The pulse of daily life also began to beat in more familiar rhythms.

For this morning's rush, the Long Island Rail Road is adding limited trains on two more lines — Babylon and Huntington — after resuming partial service on the Port Washington and Ronkonkoma branches yesterday. While there was aggravating gridlock in spots, commuters into Manhattan began to adapt to emergency carpool rules over East River bridges that require at least three people in a vehicle.

"It feels good," said Fernando Henriquez, of Port Washington, as he waited at the crowded Great Neck station for a Penn Station-bound train. "After all that happened, it feels good that we are back in business."

635,000 still without power

Much of the Island remained without power, though, with about 635,000 of LIPA's 1.1 million customers still in the dark as temperatures overnight dipped into the mid- to upper 30s. The forecast for cold evenings holds true through Wednesday night.

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, at a news briefing, had stern words for the region's utilities. Invoking the state's regulatory power, he said, "This is going to be a test of their performance, and I want them to know that."

Long Island had the highest percentage of customers without power in the region — 90 percent, he said. He threatened LIPA's management with their jobs, if necessary, to ensure the public utility "lives up to its public responsibility."

In several towns — Hempstead, North Hempstead, Brookhaven and Islip — officials reported significant strides in clearing roads of felled trees and debris.

The gas shortage persisted. Long lines snaked around gas stations, and some tempers grew short over scarce supplies and those who tried to cut in.

At a Hess station on Route 110 in Melville, a driver tried to cut a line of about 80 cars backed up for blocks. "I've been in line two hours!" another driver, William Hurley, 43, of Babylon, shouted at him. "Go to the back like everyone else!" The two argued until a Hess attendant told the newcomer to go to the rear of the line.

The shortage could continue into next week, some analysts said. Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) said the Port of New York was opened yesterday only for the shipping of fuel.

Hot meals were in high demand. Yesterday morning in Seaford, dozens of adults and children showed up as much as a half-hour early at an American

Red Cross mobile station. Most were displaced and living with friends or were without power for ovens and stovetops.

Volunteers from as far away as Michigan and North Carolina dished out piping-hot roast beef, rice, chicken nuggets, broccoli and shrimp. Many said the camaraderie and kindness meant even more after four days of living in their darkened, waterlogged homes.

"I think I've had three meals in the last four days," said Jackie Katzman, 43, of Seaford, whose home was destroyed by floodwaters. "It has been an exhausting and depressing week. I'm so lucky to have friends. I can't sit around and cry about it all day."

Looking to recharge

With electricity still spotty or nonexistent, residents flocked to stores, coffee shops or government offices that were offering free charges for their cellphones and computers. More than 60 residents descended on a Waldbaum's in Long Beach to charge their electronic devices.

Jose Garcia, 22 a dishwasher in a local restaurant who rents a room in Long Beach, was trying to charge his cellphone to call his family in Mexico.

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GRIM TOLL OF DESTRUCTION ON ISLAND

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"I'm worried that my mom and dad will think I was washed away by the ocean," he said. "I want them to know I'm OK, but my phone battery died, so that's why I'm here, trying to recharge it."

As the region struggled to rebound, local hospitals reported being close to full or beyond their capacity, as they accommodated patients transferred from other facilities or people unable to see their own doctors.

"I'm concerned that we're reaching the point we will not have adequate staff or beds to care for the dramatically increased volume of patients," said Nassau University Medical Center chief executive Arthur Gianelli.

The North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, with its 5,500 beds at 16 hospitals and 17 long-term-care facilities, said it had only 50 to 75 beds available systemwide.

Meanwhile, because the storm seriously damaged three Nassau County sewage treatment plants, effluent poured into dozens of homes from Lawrence to East Rockaway, forcing already-exhausted residents to find new places to live.

Nassau officials said operations had been partially restored at East Rockaway's Bay Park Sewage Treatment plant. The plant, which serves 550,000 Nassau residents, went offline Tuesday after more than 9 feet of seawater breached the facility's basement and subbasement.

In Long Beach, the city was working to restart both its water and sewer systems, both damaged in the storm. Officials said they hoped to have the water system running again in three to four days, once it is pressurized.

At a local Rite Aid, more than a dozen people lined up in the parking lot to get free, clean water. With many neighborhoods without power, Nassau police warned people against looting.

In Babylon, Town Supervisor Rich Schaffer announced a dusk-to-dawn curfew for neighborhoods south of Montauk Highway, including Lindenhurst and Babylon Village.



LINDENHURST. Johnny Sanchez, 44, of Long Beach, Calif., works to restore power.

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"Crime suppression patrols" will be mounted by Suffolk police, state troopers and the National Guard in particularly vulnerable communities. The pa-

trols will include plainclothed officers and unmarked cars, Suffolk police said.

At least 110 of Long Island's 124 school districts were to re-

main closed today — the fifth straight day students have missed classes. Officials said it was an unprecedented shutdown due to weather.

LIPA WARNED

As utility battles outages, Cuomo threatens to remove management

BY MARK HARRINGTON
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With its customers losing patience and Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo directly threatening its management, the Long Island Power Authority began deploying an army of line workers yesterday to repair damage that it now expects will take a full two weeks or more to complete.

Cuomo issued a written ultimatum yesterday to officials of LIPA, a state authority, and those of other top utilities in the state, including Con Edison, saying they had time to prepare for the storm, and that the state certifications of the private companies, and even their jobs, were on the line.

"I will make every change necessary to ensure it [LIPA] lives up to its public responsibility. It goes without saying that such failures would warrant the removal of the management responsible for such colossal misjudgments," the governor said.

To the private companies like Con Edison, Cuomo wrote, "New Yorkers should not suffer because electric utilities did not reasonably prepare for this eventuality. In the context of the ongoing emergency, such a failure constitutes a breach of the public trust."

Cuomo's threat to revoke the certificates of private utility companies seemed to skirt the issue of such an action for LIPA, over which the state Public Service Commission has no jurisdiction. "LIPA is addressed separately in the letter," PSC spokesman James Denn said.

LIPA officials said late last night they expect to have power to most customers restored by Nov. 10 or 11, though it "could take an additional week or more, excluding the areas of mass devastation" to restore the limited number of remaining customers.

That's more than the seven to 10 days LIPA initially projected for outages, the worst in LIPA history. Hurricane Gloria in 1985 took 11 days to restore, while Tropical Storm Irene took a week to restore 99 percent of outages.

LIPA reported at 9:49 p.m. yesterday that 635,835 customers remained without power, down more than 300,000 from the peak of 945,000 customers without service after the storm. LIPA serves more than 1.1 million customers, including more than 30,000 in the Rockaways communities in Queens.

Calls for LIPA to mount a faster and broader response to the storm three days after it hit also came from Brookhaven and Huntington towns yesterday,

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day, even as LIPA was sending hundreds of new workers to assignments in the field.

Brookhaven Town Highway Department Superintendent John Rouse said more workers are needed and that the power authority must quickly certify trees are not interfering with wires, allowing his tree-removal crews to clear roads and neighborhoods. And an angry Huntington Town Supervisor Frank Petrone yesterday said for three days 750 downed trees and wires have clogged streets because they could not be removed by town crews because they did not know whether the wires were still active.

Customers in some of the hardest-hit areas of Long Island, faced with cold, dark nights in the coming days, spoiled food in their powerless refrigerators and a dearth of repair trucks, joined in the chorus of criticism.

"There's wires down all over the place," said Don Polinski, a homeowner in Mastic Beach. "I

don't see anybody. LIPA hasn't been around yet."

Utility officials said the pace of repairs was picking up.

"A lot of jobs have been cleared," said Michael Hervey, LIPA's chief operating officer. Yesterday, he said, marked a shift in work for LIPA, with more crews fanning out to neighborhoods after days of focusing mainly on common necessities.

LIPA also was expected to make a decision soon about the 100,000 or so homes and businesses, mostly along Long Island's South Shore and the Rockaways, with such extensive damage that service cannot be restored until private contractors repair or rebuild them.

In some cases, there are no structures at all — and these houses eventually will be removed from LIPA's work roster. For now, they remain on LIPA's outage report.

"Some of those buildings don't exist," Hervey said.

LIPA also is keeping tabs on the rising cost of restoration from Sandy. The damage is twice or more than that of 2011's Irene, which cost LIPA \$176 million.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is conducting a thorough inspection of the LIPA system before fully reimbursing LIPA. To date, less

than \$20 million had been reimbursed from last year's storm. Hervey said he has briefed Cuomo's staff on the cost issues.

"Clearly, we're looking at our cash flow here," he said, noting that summer sales also were below budget and that the cash outlay for this storm is "very large."

"We're going to have to watch it, but we're spending what we need to spend . . . Clearly we're going to have to keep an eye on that."

LIPA yesterday began laying the groundwork for an army of workers to begin moving out across Long Island. At Brookhaven Calabro Airport, LIPA contracted with an emergency relief company to set up a small city of trailers that can house and feed 800 workers. Trucks and material for repairs also have been amassed there.

One of the trucks from that fleet of workers pulled up yesterday afternoon not far from the Saparito family of Mastic Beach. Workers were cutting down a tree that had taken down a wire. And while no electric crews showed to repair the wire, homeowner Ron Saparito was thrilled.

"This is a good thing," he said. "This is the first we've seen [of repair crews] since it happened."

WARNING: KEEP GENERATORS, COAL GRILLS OUT OF HOUSE

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Doctors are cautioning people not to bring their generators or burning charcoal into the house because of the risk of potentially deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.

Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow said it has treated 13 people in the past three days for such poisoning.

Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New Hyde Park also reported it had treated a family of four on Wednesday for CO poisoning after they brought their charcoal grill into the house.

At NUMC, six people were overcome by the odorless, tasteless gas when they used generators inside the home or workplace without proper ventilation, the hospital said. Six others were from charcoal grills used inside

the home for heat. The remaining case was from smoke inhalation from a house fire, the hospital said. All ultimately recovered.

In Suffolk, six people, including 5-year-old twin boys, were overcome by carbon monoxide fumes but were safely evacuated from a Central Islip home early yesterday, Suffolk police said. They were taken to Southside Hospital in Bay Shore, and the two officers who rescued

them were treated and released from Southside, police said.

Dr. Louis Riina, NUMC's director of hyperbaric medicine and wound care, said that a generator's exhaust is similar to a car's and potentially just as lethal. Burning charcoal also gives off carbon monoxide, he said.

"People should keep genera-

tors in a well-ventilated area outside the house," he said. And while using a fireplace with a chimney is fine, "there should be no open fires in the house," he said. Kerosene heaters are also dangerous when used indoors.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning can include feeling drowsy, lethargic or passing out.

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PUMPING UP THE

Shortage sparks lines, anger — but relief in sight

BY TOM INCANTALUPO

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Long lines and short tempers at gasoline stations yesterday deepened Long Islanders' misery from superstorm Sandy.

A key reason for the shortage of gasoline: The Port of New York was closed until yesterday, starving the Island's local distribution terminals of gasoline.

Relief is on the way, experts said, but it might be next week before normalcy is restored. Prices are likely to rise further in the meantime.

At a BP gas station on Northern Boulevard in Manhasset, the driver of a car who tried to cut a half-mile long, two-hour line was confronted by three other drivers who jumped from their cars, pounded on his windshield and blocked the pump. "Are you kidding?" asked one.

At a Hess station on Route 110 in Melville, a driver tried to cut a line of about 80 cars snaking for blocks. "I've been in line two hours!" another driver, William Hurley, 43, of Babylon, shouted at him. "Go to the back like everyone else!" The two argued until a Hess attendant told the newcomer to go to the back of the line. "I never thought people could behave like this over gas," said the attendant, Salaam Ibrahim, 24, of Flushing.

At least one driver offered money to get past the lines. At the Hess station on Deer Park Avenue in Deer Park, a line of more than 70 cars had formed yesterday afternoon, and customers said it took 90 minutes to reach the pumps. Sam Rothschild, 64, of Deer Park, said someone offered



PORT WASHINGTON. Eric Pymm, right, fills the tank of Ihab Ghaly, rear, at Bott's Shell Service Center on Shore Road where wait

him \$50 for his place in line — just a few minutes from the front — but he declined. "I'd rather be able to make it to work than have an extra \$50," said the construction company manager.

The Port of New York reopened for fuel shipments yesterday, said the Coast Guard. But an industry source said shipments might still be limited by lack of power at the port's terminals.

Northville Industries' Holts-

ville terminal is a major supplier to Long Island gasoline stations. An executive for Northville, who declined to be quoted by name, said the terminal was dry but that he expected a 20,000-barrel barge load from New York this morning, coming via Port Jefferson harbor. But with the Island's other major gas terminals in Inwood not operating, he said, his supplies are likely to sell out fast: "It's going to be a mad rush."

Suffolk County Legis. Tom Cilmi (R-Bay Shore) yesterday called on the Long Island Power Authority to give priority to restoring electricity to the terminals in Inwood, Lawrence and Glenwood Landing.

Two of six East Coast refineries in Sandy's path shut down as it approached and the others reduced production, reducing supplies, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Exacerbating the situation is that many gas stations that

have fuel lack electricity to pump it into motorists' cars.

"We're very aware of the gas issue," said LIPA chief operating officer Michael Hervey. While LIPA can't single out a gas station as a priority as it restores electric service, he said, its current plan of focusing on main supply lines from its substations will begin to restore power to more gas stations, as well as other businesses on those same lines.

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times to buy gasoline were as much as 2½ hours yesterday.

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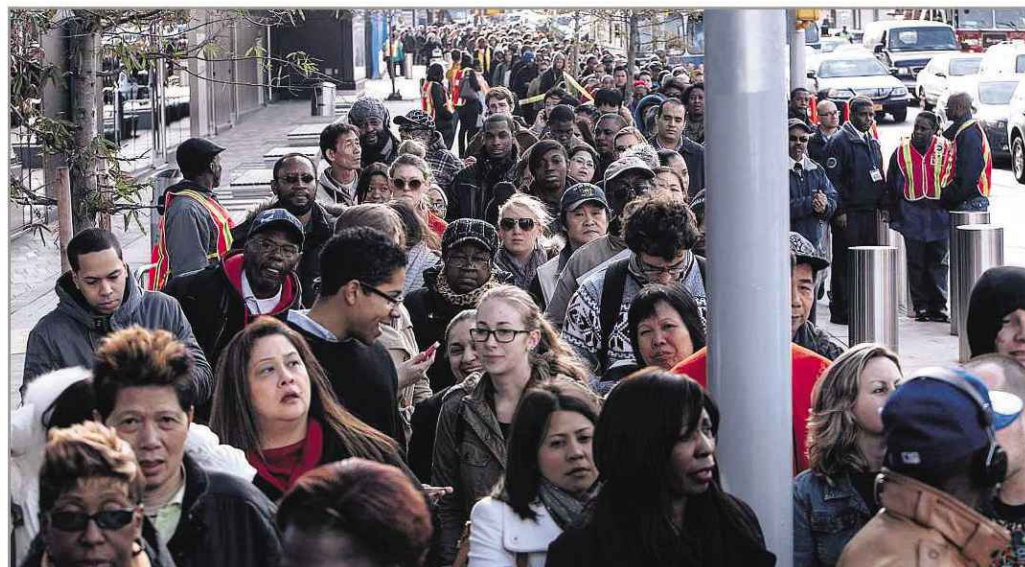
See which stations have gas on Long Island.

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The AAA said regular averaged \$3.917 a gallon Long Island yesterday morning, up 1.5 cents from the previous day. The website longislandgasprices.com, based on motorists' reports, listed prices as high as \$4.59 a gallon for regular yesterday afternoon.

day afternoon.

State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman warned businesses on Sunday that state law prohibits businesses from charging "excessive prices" for essential items, including gasoline, during natural disasters.



BROOKLYN. Riders of the shuttle bus to Manhattan are rerouted around Barclays Center.

LIRR GETTING BACK ON TRACK

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Commuters returned to the Long Island Rail Road yesterday and two more lines will open with service to Penn Station today.

The Babylon and Huntington lines will start this morning with hourly service, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo announced last night.

"The progress is happening literally on an hourly basis and is amazingly advanced for what we anticipated," Cuomo said about the restoration of public transit operations after superstorm Sandy shut down railroads, subways and buses.

The LIRR yesterday took its first steps toward service on Long Island with hourly trains between Ronkonkoma and Penn Station, Great Neck and Penn Station, and Jamaica and Atlantic Terminal. Fares have been waived through today.

The agency yesterday carried about 10,000 people into Penn Station between 6 and 10 a.m. — just 12 percent of its typical morning commuter ridership.

But even skeletal service was an attractive alternative to the gridlocked roads into and out of New York City, commuters said.

"It feels good," Fernando Henriquez of Port Washington said as he waited at the busy Great Neck station for a Manhattan-bound train. "After all



MANHATTAN. Police at the Queensboro Bridge check for compliance with city's three-passenger minimum per vehicle.

that happened, it feels good that we are back in business."

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority suspended service on all 11 LIRR lines, city subways and Metro-North Railroad on Sunday in advance of the storm, which hit the metropolitan area Monday night.

"We added some today. We'll be adding more tomorrow," MTA chairman Joseph Lhota said. "It's our goal to continue adding every day so that we can get back to a full and complete system." The storm dropped more than 140 trees on tracks, took down signal lines, and knocked out power to electrified third rails, communications systems and crossing gates.

Restoring service to other branches, including the devastated Long Beach line, could take longer.

Officials asked customers for their cooperation, urging them to stagger trips to minimize crowding. "We did have some trains that were standing-room, but from what I've heard, we didn't leave anybody behind that wanted to get on a train," LIRR customer service vice president Joe Calderone said.

Other transit services also began returning to normal. Nassau's NICE Bus system was running about 98 percent of its buses, with three routes still out yesterday because of unsafe road conditions, officials said. NICE also is not charging fares today.

Suffolk County Transit yesterday ran its first buses since Oct. 26. Suffolk Department of Public Works Commissioner Gilbert Anderson said riders could expect some delays as buses navigate roads without traffic signals.

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TALES OF DESPAIR AND HOPE

Reporting by Denise M. Bonilla, Kevin Deutsch, Scott Eidler, Candice Ferrette, Nicole Fuller, Lauren R. Harrison, Mackenzie Issler and Patrick Whittle. Written by Victor Manuel Ramos.

CENTRAL ISLIP

Cold, hungry kids and 'a lot of crying'

Marissa Loew, 33, a single mom from Central Islip, said she is feeding her two young sons, ages 2 and 4, with leftover restaurant food given to her by a neighbor.

"We had to make one big dinner last three days," said Loew. "I have three hungry boys. All the food went bad. It's pretty hard because we don't have anyone who can really help us. We're on our own."

She said she has been dressing the boys in layers each night before putting them to bed, "but they still shiver a little."

"You can't live without heat this time of year," Loew added. "That's the worst thing about the storm — being cold. And when you're hungry on top of that, it leads to a lot of crying."



CENTERPORT. Vida Hettenback in her second-floor living room with the tree that came crashing into her life during Sandy.

DIX HILLS

Family feared 'We were going to die'

At the height of the storm, 100-foot trees came crashing around Dennis and Irene Ballas' Dix Hills home, sending them into a panic.

"The worst . . . was the

unnerving feeling that we were going to die," said Dennis Ballas, as he sat in the Com-mack Barnes & Noble with dozen of others on laptops and smartphones.

"Every boom, every crack, we scrambled," he said.

So the Ballases were naturally grateful they came away unharmed and then found a simple way to celebrate.



Despite lacking the day-to-day comforts that come with electricity, they fired up the grill and treated themselves Wednesday night to a "wonderful dinner" — wine, candles and laughter included.

And maybe the whole experience will leave good memories and a new appreciation behind, they said.

"It is definitely an eye-opener for us," said Dennis Ballas' 18-year-old daughter, Zena. "I think this devastation will make people have more respect for each other."

FREEPORT

Devastated by flood but spirits were lifted

Shakira Bisono stood on her

Freeport porch, keeping warm by tossing neighbors' discarded furniture into a portable chimney, where a fire burned.

Her home suffered more than five feet of flooding. But her spirits were high, because a troop of young women from the Freeport High School's Naval JROTC came by to scrub floors and drag out destroyed belongings to the curb of the damaged house, which was left with no heat, hot water or electricity.

"I can't put a price on what they've done," said a grateful Bisono, who lives in the home with her husband, Jose, three children and in-laws Ramona and Rafael.

The kids are now with family in New Jersey, while Bisono and her husband remain at the Freeport house.

The couple is waiting for an



LINDENHURST. Rhonda Piscopo surveys her ruined home.



FREEPORT. Darnell Day helps neighbors Vivian Williams and George Young remove the carpet from their wet floors while cleaning up after the superstorm.

off. And she made the interview.

COPIAGUE

Accepting situation and dealing with it

Anthony Mirabile, 41, of Copiague, an iron worker in lower Manhattan, sums up life after Sandy: "It is what it is."

Mirabile, his wife, and their children, 20 and 17, still have no power, despite his frantic attempts to get a temporary fix.

"I went to every Home Depot and Lowes I could find and every time I just missed getting a generator," he said.

Instead the family is relying on camping equipment, such as a small gas stove to heat up soup. "Lots and lots of soup," he said.

They're also playing board games and cards together.

"We're dealing with it the best we can," he said. "I know I'm extremely fortunate."

EAST ISLIP

No train, iffy bus? She takes to her bike

As Amanda Vollaro pedaled her blue mountain bike along Connetquot Avenue in East Islip, she steered with her right hand and reached for a small container of Pringles potato chips with her left, popping one into her mouth.

She was about halfway through her new commute to the Cohalan Court Complex in Central Islip, which now has her riding her bike and taking two different buses.

Since Sandy hit, and eviscerated the region's public transportation network, she's taken

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thing that's going on beyond my little bubble."

PORT WASHINGTON

Retirement home becomes an oasis

There is one place, it appears, where Sandy never hit.

Where a woman jogs on the treadmill, a child reads her iPad and grandchildren play Ping-Pong.

The Amsterdam at Harbor-side, a senior retirement community in Port Washington, seems to have been spared the effects of the storm, thanks to its mighty generators.

The guests milling about yesterday weren't seniors, even though the home's 185 residents have to be at least 62 years old to live there.

In the last three days, said center marketing director Mary Donovan, more than 100 people have sought comfort — and, in some cases, residency — in the homes of their parents, friends, or grandparents.

"It gives us a base to feel secure," said Deborah Hershowitz, 53, of Brookville. Her home had no power and no heat, so she and her husband were at her father-in-law's facility.

Gail Horn of Roslyn spent the afternoon with her mother, a resident. "I'm so happy to have a place to go," she said.

But she stops short of asking to stay the night. Her needs, "laundry and a shower," are met.

Says her mother, Lydia Van Grover: "I want her to stay."

inspector to assess the structural damage to the house, which could determine whether they leave or stay, she said.

"My husband doesn't want to go anywhere. I disagree," she said. "But it's his childhood home."

RONKONKOMA

Searching for gas — and for a job, too

As if job interviews aren't distressing enough on their own, Ronkonkoma resident Monica Hadnagy had to deal with an empty fuel tank before she met a potential employer yesterday.

She seemed hopeful when she pulled into the Gulf Express gas station in Lake Ronkonkoma.

But her expression changed quickly when she saw the signs

on the pumps, with "No Gas" scribbled in blue.

Hadnagy said she had been searching for gas since Wednesday — having visited seven stations before — desperate because she needed to get to the interview.

"Getting around is just a little frustrating," she said.

The interview was for a medical billing job and had been postponed several times since Friday because of Sandy.

Hadnagy, a single mom with three kids who has been unemployed for about two weeks, needed to drive her silver Ford Escape all the way to Riverhead for the interview.

About an hour and a half later, her luck changed. She found gas at the BP station at Portion and Patchogue roads.

She was smiling as she drove

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PARK PAIN



Costs will be 'huge' to repair 'devastating' storm damage

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Repairing superstorm Sandy's damage at Long Island's state parks will cost hundreds of millions of dollars, including \$50 million just to rebuild the mangled Jones Beach boardwalk, officials estimate.

"It's sobering. It's devastating," Rose Harvey, commissioner of the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, said after spending much of yesterday touring Jones Beach and other sites with regional park officials. "The costs are huge," she said, but her agency will apply for disaster funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"Absolutely Jones Beach will be open for the summer," despite the worst damage in at

least three decades, Harvey said. But patrons may only have access to parking fields on the western end of the park where the beaches had more protection from dunes against the 21-foot waves. "We're going to rebuild," she said. "It is Jones Beach."

Ronald Foley, state parks regional director, said the boardwalk was heavily damaged for its entire length.

"It has a roller-coaster effect because in some places the pilings have been pulled up from the bottom and other places they've sunk," he said. "Some buildings were damaged. The theater was severely flooded. We think the elevation of the beach has dropped, which makes all the structures more susceptible to damage from succeeding storms," he said.



JONES BEACH. Most of the boardwalk was heavily damaged.

Foley also said two fishing piers at Field 10 were damaged, as was the boat basin.

A walk down the boardwalk is a surreal experience with concrete benches overturned and scattered, aluminum railings torn out and rental umbrellas poking out of the sand and large puddles on the beach.

The lifeguard shack and umbrella concession building were swept off the beach by the Central Mall and deposited hundreds of yards to the west with the roof of the lifeguard shack perched on the boardwalk.

About 40 employees were at work yesterday for the first day

of cleanup at the second most visited state park after Niagara Falls with 6 million annual visitors.

Foley said it will take several weeks of engineering analysis to evaluate the damage costs at Jones Beach and other parks.

The two outer lanes at the Robert Moses State Park traffic circle, he said, and some of the access road heading east collapsed onto the beach, where the dunes were stripped away and the elevation of the sand reduced about 10 feet from Field 5 almost to Field 3.

Downed trees were the problem at Planting Fields Arboretum.

"Planting Fields has about 300 trees down," Foley said. "The sad part of that is that about 100 of them are part of the collection of specimen trees." One tree fell on the roof of the community greenhouse.

"Sunken Meadow [State Park], ironically, has the best beach it's ever had," Foley said. "Lots of sand was deposited, but 350 trees are down."

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Sergio Marroquin waits for
gas with others in Hicksville.
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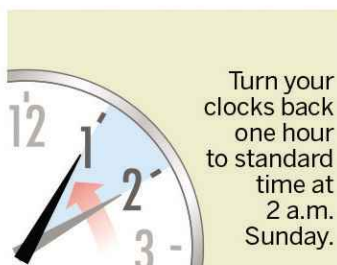
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TIME TO FALL BACK



HAUPPAUGE. Ann George, 84, of Stony Brook, whose power is out, picks up food from Red Cross volunteers in front of the

TEMPERS RISE

Liners cold in powerless homes, heated on gas lines

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Temper flared and frustrations mounted yesterday as weary Long Islanders waited hours in lines for gasoline, falling temperatures turned homes without power into dreary ice-boxes, and despondent homeowners began filing applications for relief from superstorm Sandy's destruction.

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, Sens. Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, and members of Long Island's congressional delegation reassured residents that extraordinary efforts were being made to get fuel to gas stations and electricity restored to a half-million Long Island Power Authority customers who still were in the dark.

"There is no reason to panic. There is no reason for anxiety," Cuomo said. Of meager gas availability, he said, "We understand why there was a shortage. We also understand why it's going to be better — and better in the near future."

The governor and Schumer said gas shortages should ease over the weekend. Tankers that had been held away from New York Harbor because of storm debris finally were able to get to terminals and offload fuel for distribution. Cuomo said he signed an executive order waiving taxes and registration procedures for the ships so they could expedite the unloading.

Lines still long for gas

Police said there were scores of altercations at gas stations, and officers were dispatched to many of them to keep order. Suffolk Executive Steve Bellone restricted people's consumption to filling up one vehicle's tank of gas and one portable container per trip, and urged residents to stay home over the weekend to conserve fuel.



LONG BEACH. Al Margolies, 77, leans on a car stuck in the sand to rest his sore knees on Louisiana Street.

At a Citgo station on East Hoffman Avenue in Lindenhurst, dozens of cars lined up for nearly a mile around noon-time. Drivers at the front of the line said they had been waiting nearly three hours.

"Everybody's freaking out," said Krista Wright, 20, of Lindenhurst. "If anyone tries to get in front of them on line, they start fights."

Victims in ravaged areas got the promise of more financial assistance: Cuomo pledged creation of a \$100 million state fund, with money available starting Monday. Specifics of how the funds will be applied for or allocated were not yet available.

The governor said legislative leaders agreed to the fund's establishment. The legislature is expected to return to session after Tuesday's election to deal with the storm relief.

In New York City, the depth of the storm's effects brought cancellation of the ING New York City Marathon, scheduled for tomorrow. Mayor Michael Bloomberg had hoped the event would show the city's resilience and lift spirits.

The fourth day after Sandy

struck the Island, New York City and New Jersey with hurricane-force winds, Suffolk police set dawn-to-dusk curfews — until further notice — prohibiting motorists and pedestrians from going south of Montauk Highway in Babylon village, Lindenhurst and Copiague. In Long Beach, an overnight curfew already was in place.

Police have added 25 extra marked and unmarked vehicles to the zones, in addition to the four regularly assigned there, and said they have no reports of looting. A Suffolk police spokeswoman said there was an increase in reported thefts, mostly commercial burglaries, on Monday and Tuesday during Sandy, but burglaries and larcenies have remained at average levels since then.

Banned from Fire Island

Bellone issued an order banning anyone except emergency personnel from using a private boat or vessel to go to Fire Island, where most oceanfront homes sustained damage. Violators are subject to arrest.

In a positive development for Fire Island, the state Depart-

ment of Environmental Conservation announced it will work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to repair two breaches torn by Sandy, an effort that could take months and cost millions of dollars.

Residents whose homes were destroyed or severely damaged began to file applications for disaster relief with the Federal Emergency Management Agency at locations in Nassau and Suffolk.

In Lindenhurst, residents waited yesterday afternoon in two long lines — about 50 people deep each — to register with FEMA at a mobile unit that had five landline phones.

Many people were seeking rental assistance or money for temporary housing, hoping to leave shelters and regain some stability as they figure out a path to recovery.

Frank Delany, 53, who lives south of Montauk Highway, said he had 4 feet of water in his house and is planning to rebuild. He did not have flood insurance, he said.

"We're definitely staying put," he said, adding he is hoping for FEMA help "as fast as possible."

Signs of progress

Good news came on several fronts: Officials said a public health risk had been relieved, as sewage from the Bay Park Sewage treatment plant, which was damaged in the storm, stopped spilling into surrounding streets and homes. Long Beach said it expects to turn its water and sewage systems back on by early next week.

And public transit continued to move toward an attenuated normalcy.

The Long Island Rail Road began limited service to Penn Station on two more lines, adding hourly Babylon and Huntington line service, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

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H. Lee Dennison building.

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ty said. Crews were to work over the weekend clearing trees and debris from other lines, including the Port Jefferson and Oyster Bay branches.

"The progress is happening literally on an hourly basis and is amazingly advanced for what we anticipated," Cuomo said.

For those traveling to Manhattan, restrictions requiring vehicles to have at least three passengers to cross East River bridges ended yesterday.

LIPA pledges headway

LIPA, the target of strong words from Cuomo about fulfilling its obligation to its customers, said much more headway would be made in the next few days, as crews that have completed repairs to the heart of the electrical grid move on to neighborhoods and businesses.

About 465,000 customers remained without power as of 12:06 this morning. The utility hopes to cut that number to 97,000 by Wednesday.

Even with signs of comeback, the lack of fuel was the most pervasive post-storm problem on an island that is facing low temperatures below 40 degrees for at least the next six days.

The island's hospitals weighed in about that crying need.

"The most pressing issue at this time for hospitals and other essential services is access to fuel," said Kevin Dahill, chief executive of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, the trade group for Long Island's 24 hospitals. "The ability for staff to report to work is becoming compromised."

Catholic Health Services was encouraging people at its six hospitals to carpool and was arranging overnight stays if necessary, spokeswoman Christine Hendriks said. North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System set up a shuttle service and a message board for people to carpool.

In some spots, fires broke out — from residents using candles for light, fireplaces and heaters for warmth, and damaged electronics ignited



SEAFORD. Lynn Angrilla hugs granddaughter Jordan Gilbert as they listen to officials give emergency updates at Cedar Creek Park.

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blazes when power was turned back on.

Early yesterday, a Valley Stream house was damaged by fire after a woman placed gas containers on her porch for storage and then lit a candle to see

because it was dark, police said. It was not clear if gas fumes were ignited or if spilled fuel was ignited by the candles. Nassau County police said the woman was not injured.



ATLANTIC OCEAN. Fuel tankers, cargo ships and others

MORE

Fuses short as lines grow longer, but officials promise supplies will increase soon

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Gasoline lines across Long Island stretched out longer yesterday, as frustrated motorists found the few stations that had received supplies, and key government officials promised relief was on the way.

Police in Nassau and Suffolk counties said there were scores of disputes at gas stations as motorists lined up for fuel. Mostly, though, the lines were peaceful — but long enough to fray nerves.

Meanwhile, key pipelines from the Gulf of Mexico region to New Jersey and out to Nassau County reopened, the U.S. Department of Energy said. Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo signed an order Thursday night to allow distributors and transporters to bring fuel into the state without meeting the usual requirement to register with the state Department of Taxation and Finance.

Also, Department of Homeland Security chief Janet Napolitano announced that the department had issued a temporary waiver of the Jones Act, which requires ships moving goods between U.S. ports to

use U.S.-flag vessels, to allow "additional oil tankers" to enter Northeast ports. And President Barack Obama on Friday directed the Defense Logistics Agency to purchase up to 12 million gallons of unleaded fuel and up to 10 million gallons of diesel fuel to distribute in Sandy-stricken areas.

These developments led to optimism that the crisis would soon ease.

"There will be a gradual increase in gas supply over the next three days that is in line with our demand," said Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano. He said the county is providing emergency responders with direct access to fuel.

Cuomo tried to reassure New Yorkers that millions of gallons of gasoline are about to flow. "There should be a real change in the condition, and people should see it quickly," Cuomo said at a news conference.

But experts said that because many neighborhood gas stations still lack electrical power to pump gas, difficulties finding fuel would continue.

At stations that were open, some prices had increased from earlier in the week. The



wait just south of Coney Island to make deliveries to the Port of New York. Politicians say recent progress getting fuel to the area should help ease shortages on Long Island.

GAS ON HORIZON

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AAA said regular averaged \$3.965 on Long Island yesterday, up 4.8 cents from the day before and 6.6 cents from a week earlier.

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone urged residents to conserve gasoline by staying home — or close to it — this weekend.

At the Citgo on East Hoffman Avenue in Lindenhurst, cars were lined up for nearly a mile just after noon. Drivers at the front of the line said they had been waiting almost three hours. Pedestrians with gas cans said their wait was about two hours. A handful of state troopers were at the station, and tensions were high.

"Everybody's freaking out," said Krista Wright, 20, of Lindenhurst. "If anyone tries to get in front of them on line, they start fights."

Day laborer Tony Brown, 53, of Medford, ran out of gas after waiting for 3½ hours on line at a USA station on Route 112 in Medford. A police officer and a bystander helped push his Honda Accord to the pumps. He took it all calmly. "You can't get angry over gas," Brown said.

At some stations with no gas,



PATCHOGUE. A Suffolk police officer helps push a car that ran out of gas to a pump at a Hess station on Route 112 at Oak Street.

people lined up anyway in the hope that delivery trucks would arrive. Kevin Beyer, president of the Long Island Gasoline Retailers Association, said 60 cars were lined up outside his station in Smithtown yesterday afternoon, even though the station had no power and no gas.

Supplies ran out at local gasoline stations because two of six East Coast refineries in Sandy's path shut down as the storm approached, and because the Port of New York was closed because of large floating debris. Both factors starved local distribution terminals for gas.

The port reopened Thursday.

Cuomo said generators had been brought in to terminals that lost power so that they could begin pumping gasoline from ships and barges. Bloomberg News reported that tankers of gasoline had been waiting outside New York Harbor since Oct. 28 to unload their cargoes.

Stephen Keshtgar, who operates about 50 stations on Long Island and in Queens, said Thursday that he was getting only about 10 percent of the 220,000 to 250,000 gallons a

day he normally sells.

Rep. Tim Bishop (D-Southampton) said a barge load of 1 million gallons of gas was expected to arrive at Northville Industry's Holtsville Terminal today, with further deliveries due tomorrow and Monday.

Bishop also said a terminal in Oyster Bay opened yesterday, with 2 million gallons of gasoline on site and the capacity to accept barge deliveries.

Helping ease the crisis, the Colonial Pipeline, which brings

fuel from the Gulf region to Linden, N.J., had resumed shipping gasoline. The Buckeye Pipeline from Linden to New York City and Long Island also reopened.

The Hess refinery in Port Reading, N.J., and the Phillips 66 refinery in Linden remained closed yesterday. Hess Corp. said, however, that more than 90 percent of its service stations were open in New York, Long Island and New Jersey — 177 of 186 stations, some on generator power.

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TAKING IT SLOW

Train service resumes but daily commute still an ordeal

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The Long Island Rail Road chugged into higher gear for thousands of passengers yesterday, but getting in and out of New York City remained a trial for many.

For the morning commute into Penn Station, the LIRR carried 25,365 people on the Huntington, Ronkonkoma, Babylon and Port Washington lines on an hourly service between 6 and 10 a.m. That's about 31 percent of its average weekday capacity.

It was the first day of post-Sandy service for the Huntington line and the Babylon, the railroad's busiest. The Port Washington line, open only as far as Great Neck a day earlier, reopened the entire route.

In Manhattan, patience was tested as more than 1,000 people wearied by the storm-battered week stood on two queues to catch shuttle buses departing Lexington Avenue at 42nd Street for Brooklyn. The lines snaked north on Lexington for three blocks, west on 45th, south on Vanderbilt Avenue to 44th Street then back to Lexington.

One commuter, Maria Tsomaia, of Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, had left her office in upper Manhattan at 5:30 p.m. and made it to the line an hour later. "If I get home by 10 p.m., I'll be very happy," she said.

The trip would take Tsomaia, 48, a certified nurse's assistant, to Barclays Center, where she planned to first catch the D train, then another bus to get home.

On a typical day the commute involves two subways and lasts an hour and 20 minutes, Tsomaia said. "It's very frustrating," she said as she waited. "I am sure everybody is doing their best."

In Huntington, Peter Mazzie, 60, of Kings Park, said he was "elated" when he learned train service would resume from the station. He was waiting for a train to Manhattan so he could check on two elderly friends. "They are

like my parents," he said, adding he hasn't been able to reach them because of the storm.

LIRR officials said they will work over the weekend to clear trees and debris from other lines and specifically mentioned the Oyster Bay and Port Jefferson lines. Hourly service will remain in effect through the weekend with fewer overnight trains, said spokesman Sam Zambuto, as the railroad works round-the-clock to restore more service by Monday.

The railroad resumed charging fares as of midnight Friday.

Subway service in Manhattan has not resumed below 42nd Street on the East Side and 34th Street on the West. In Queens, service resumed between Flushing/Main Street (the terminal end) and 74th Street and Broadway in Queens in both directions. And in the Bronx, the Number 5 shuttle service resumed between East 180th and Dyre Avenue.

Both the Queens-Midtown and Brooklyn-Battery/Hugh L. Carey tunnels remained closed with authorities unable to forecast an opening day, MTA spokeswoman Marisa Baldeo said. The Holland Tunnel's south tube partially reopened to take New Jersey commuters by bus into Manhattan during the morning rush hour and back to New Jersey in the evening. The tunnel's north tube remains closed as water continues to be pumped out, the Port Authority said.

The restriction requiring motorists to have a minimum of three occupants in cars traveling through the Lincoln Tunnel and across the Robert F. Kennedy/Triborough, Queensboro, Manhattan, Williamsburg, Brooklyn and Henry Hudson bridges ended at 5 p.m. yesterday.

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GREAT NECK. With hourly service back yesterday, passengers wait at an LIRR station.

LONG BEACH LIRR IN RUINS

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Track bedding washed away. Delicate electrical components covered in rust. Critical track switches mucked up with sewage and seaweed.

It could be a while before the Long Island Rail Road's Long Beach line is back to normal.

"Wow. This is big," LIRR president Helena Williams said yesterday as she toured the devastated line, used by 20,000 people each weekday.

Even as the LIRR struggles to bring back as much service as it can in the wake of superstorm Sandy, which downed trees on tracks and knocked out power to most of the system, officials said it will be a much longer haul to bring back the Long Beach branch, which suffered the worst damage of the system.

Williams called it "a total disaster" for the LIRR, as it is for the people of Long Beach.

"We know that this is a community that's suffering right now and we're going to do everything to restore service as quickly as possible," Williams said.

Long Beach Station and its accompanying rail yard — located blocks from the Atlantic Ocean — suffered extensive flooding during the storm. Sheds housing critical electrical components for the line filled with water 4 feet high.

Four electrical substations that provide power along the line are all down. And sewage from an adjacent waste treatment plant has fouled up much of the LIRR's infrastructure.

And as bad as things look now along the line, they were even worse Tuesday, the day after the storm, when crews worked to remove 20 water craft off the tracks. One boat even washed up

at the Island Park Station parking lot, still attached to its dock.

Yesterday, crews painstakingly continued the work of putting the line back together — using steel brushes to scrub new rust off tiny electrical switches and drying out facilities. A baby blanket sopped up swampy water from the floor of one electrical shed.

LIRR officials said that while getting the Long Beach line back to pre-storm condition will be a long-term effort, some service could resume once electricity is restored, the signal system is operational and tracks are intact. They would not predict when that would be.

"We have done an awful lot in three days," said LIRR chief engineer Kevin Tomlinson, who predicted it would be "several days" before the railroad even has an assessment of all the damage done to the branch.

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LONG BEACH.

John Salvato raises the flag outside his home as he begins to clean up after Sandy.



LONG BEACH AND LINDENHURST

They're **STILL** standing

Residents vow to clean up,
rebuild and reclaim
their hometowns

Superstorm Sandy brought devastation to Long Island on a scale never before seen, and the South Shore communities of Long Beach and Lindenhurst were among the hardest hit. Here are the stories of their hardships and sorrows from the storm and its aftermath, as well as their hopes to rebuild.