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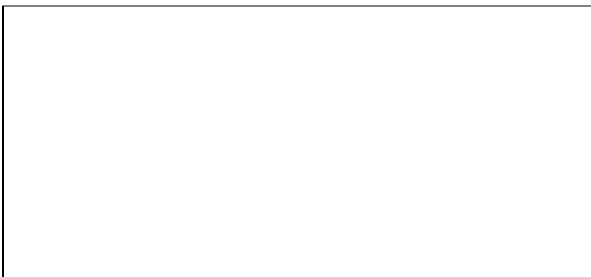
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interest are up, said Brian Tyrrell, associate professor of hospitality and tourism studies at Stockton. He said he takes issue with news media reports that use gaming numbers to illustrate decline.

“People are traveling again, that’s what we’



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and Visitors Authority.

“The news is mostly good on gas prices... the trend is gas prices are likely to fall further,” Busler said. Prices at about \$3.50 a gallon in southern New Jersey will be historically high, Busler said, but represent



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Jeffrey S. Vasser, president of the Atlantic City Convention and Visitors Authority, speaks during Friday's annual Shore tourism forecast hosted by Richard Stockton College. / Kirk Moore/staff photo

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