

bag check> Donna Sturgill

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For Donna Sturgill of Atglen, Pa., one of the best things about visiting Cape May is the shopping. When Freetime took a peek inside her numerous shopping bags at the Washington Street Mall, it was apparent she had already done some damage.

“The Whale’s Tail is the best store,” she said as she showed off her purchases: a beaded seahorse and crab, a starfish ring box and a wind chime made from sea glass.

“I always get some jewelry, too,” she added.

Sturgill said that on a hot day like Tuesday, when temperatures were nearing 100 degrees, hopping into air-conditioned stores was the best way to keep cool.

In her small silver cross-body purse, she carried a cellphone, a wallet and keys on a beaded fish key chain bought on a previous trip to Cape May and several lipsticks.

“I have to have the lipstick,” she said.