

**In the know**



**BUGS' DARRELLE REVIS: SCHIANO CREATED STRESS**

He says fired coach Greg Schiano created a "real tense" atmosphere that made it hard for players to perform. "Guys didn't like coming to work," Revis says. **Sports, 1C**

**Bellevue Biltmore fate is uncertain**

The uncertainty grows as commissioners vote to delay for six months a zoning decision that could have resulted in the landmark's demolition. **Local, 1B**

**Peace talks to end Syria war begin**

But clashes continue across the country and aid groups plead to get supplies to desperate citizens. **World, 3A**

**Israel says it foiled U.S. Embassy plot**

Israel arrests three in an al-Qaida plot for a suicide bombing at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv. **World, 2A**

**New rules sought for safer car seats**

The government proposes regulations that would require car seats to protect children from death and injury in side-impact crashes. **Nation, 4A**

**Medicare's most confusing areas**

A new report zeroes in on the three most common Medicare issues that befuddle consumers. **Daily Briefing, 8A**

**Port of Tampa now is Port Tampa Bay**

The new name is intended to better reflect the port's economic impact and attract more potential new business. **Local, 1B**

**Bill targets issue of mineral rights**

State lawmakers want to force builders to tell prospective home buyers if they plan to keep the rights to drill under their homes. **Local, 1B**

**Couple are flood insurance pioneers**

Joe and Beth Ann Chapman of Seminole become the first Florida homeowners to buy flood insurance through a private company after Big-ger-Waters. **Business, 4B**

**Rays trade Torres for bat, prospects**

Rookie left-handed reliever Alex Torres is the focal point of the seven-player deal with San Diego. **Sports, 1C**

**Think Pirate**



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**High tides spell trouble**

A new study says climate change's effects could mean more flooding if a hurricane hits.

BY CRAIG PITTMAN  
Times Staff Writer

High tides have been getting higher and low tides lower at cities around the Gulf of Mexico, according to a new study produced in part by scientists at the University of South Florida.

Those extreme swings, caused at least in part by global climate change, have increased since the 1990s, the study found.

The trend for sea level rise spells very bad news for anyone living along the coast if a hurricane hits during one of those higher high tides.

"The changes ... have almost doubled the risk of hurricane-induced flooding associated with sea level rise since the 1990s for the eastern and northeastern Gulf of Mexico coastlines," noted the study, published by the

scientific journal *Geophysical Research Letters*.

If you live on the beach or in some other low-lying area, "you better pray somebody in Washington does something about this flood insurance situation," Mark Luther, associate professor of physical oceanography at the University of South Florida, said Wednesday.

For their study, Luther and

two colleagues spent about eight months comparing tidal measurements collected between 1900 and 2011 at 13 locations around the gulf, from Key West to Port Isabel, Texas.

Not all the charts go back to the turn of the last century. St. Petersburg's for instance, begins in the mid 1920s, Luther said. Originally, the measurements were taken out on the city's Mil-

lion Dollar Pier, he said, but then moved to the U.S. Coast Guard base on Eighth Avenue SE.

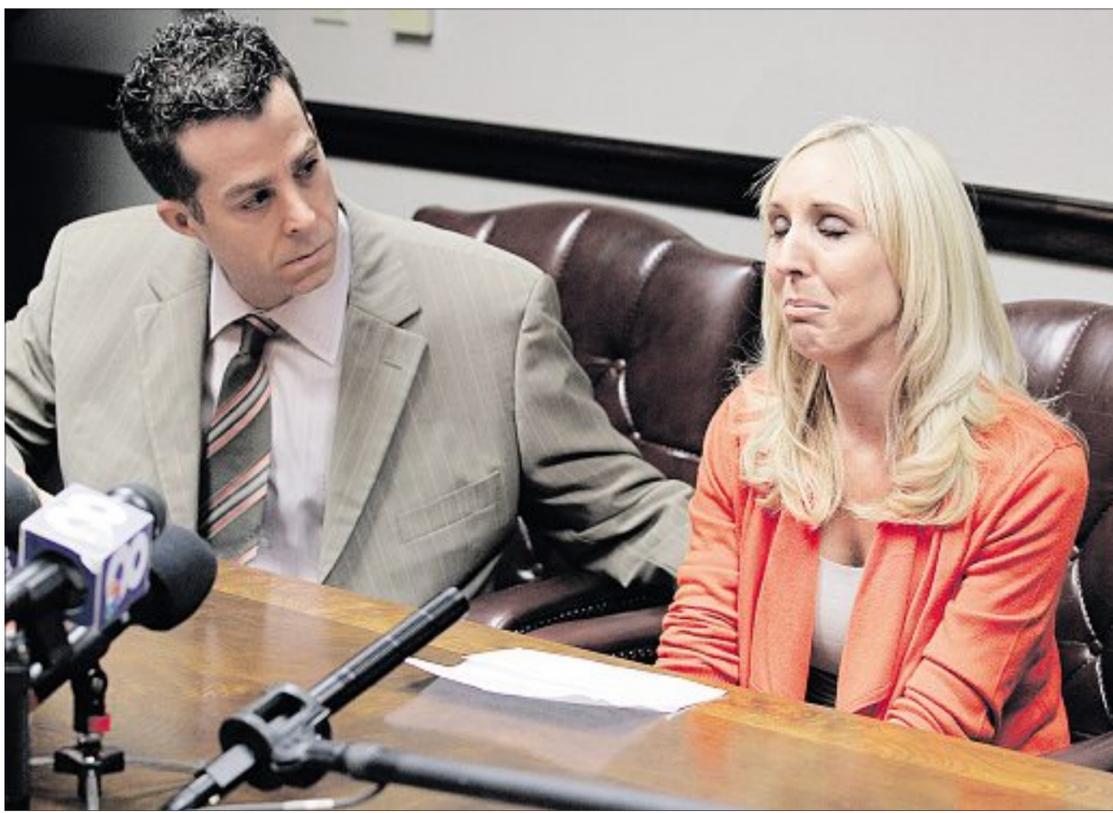
The size of high and low tides naturally vary between summer and winter. But increases in greenhouse gases raise the global average temperature, disrupting the usual weather patterns and producing both record heat waves such as the one Australia

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*"In the blink of an eye my whole world just got shattered into a million pieces."*

Nicole Oulson, on the shooting death of her husband, Chad Oulson

**An 'unbearable' sorrow**



DANIEL WALLACE | Times

Nicole Oulson, right, with TJ Grimaldi, one of her attorneys, reads a statement during the news conference Wednesday.

A moviegoer's widow recalls their fateful afternoon.

BY LISA BUIE  
Times Staff Writer

TAMPA — Like many parents of toddlers, Nicole and Chad Oulson didn't get many opportunities to spend quality time alone. So when both managed to get a rare day off work, they left their 22-month-old daughter with a sitter and went to a movie.

"I was just so excited and looking forward to spending the day with the love of my life," said Nicole Oulson, who met the tall ex-Navy sailor while the two worked at a Jacksonville bank about 14 years ago.

The Oulsons were at the Cobb Grove 16 in Wesley Chapel on Jan. 13 for a matinee of *Lone*

**On the Web**

To see Nicole Oulson's news conference on Wednesday, go to Links in today's Times at [tampabay.com](http://tampabay.com).

*Survivor* when a man behind them became agitated because Chad Oulson was texting on his phone during previews.

Authorities say Curtis Reeves Jr., also a Navy veteran and a retired Tampa police captain, left the theater to complain to management, then returned and started arguing with Chad Oulson. Witnesses said Oulson threw a bag of popcorn at Reeves, who then pulled a

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**Chad Oulson, 43, was shot and killed at the Cobb Grove 16 in Wesley Chapel on Jan. 13.**



**Curtis Reeves, 71, a retired Tampa police officer, is charged with second-degree murder.**

**1 state hurried to pay jobless**

Not Florida. And it's unclear why it waited for federal authority.

BY MICHAEL VAN SICKLER  
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TALLAHASSEE — It took Florida officials more than three months to decide to pay overdue jobless benefits to about 10,000 unemployed workers, many of whom went without checks since October because of a defective online registration system.

When faced with a similar challenge, California officials started cutting checks after just three weeks.

Two states, two glitchy websites, two vastly different timetables on when to pay overdue benefits.

"This just emphasizes the corporate mind-set here under Gov. Rick Scott: Let's make sure poor people don't get the extra \$5," said Senate Minority Leader Chris Smith, D-Fort Lauderdale. "California decided that it wanted to take care of its residents. Florida had them wait through Christmas, the New Year, most of January."

Both states recently launched websites that process unemployment claims. Both sites were designed by Deloitte Consulting and struggled with error messages, long wait times and disconnected sessions.

But while California announced in September that it would pay claims first and verify them later, Florida waited until Saturday — more than three months after the CONNECT website launched — to reach a similar conclusion.

From how Florida officials tell

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A man throw rocks at police in Kiev, Ukraine, on Wednesday as thousands of protesters battle police. Opposition leaders presented an ultimatum to the president to call new elections.

**Chaos threatens Ukraine**

Two protesters are killed amid fears of wider violence in the capital.

Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukrainian opposition leaders issued a stark ultimatum to President Viktor Yanukovich on Wednesday to call early elections within 24 hours or face more popular rage, after at least two protesters were killed in confrontations with police in a grim escalation of a two-month political crisis.

The protesters' deaths were the first since the largely peaceful protests started in November, fueling fears that the daily dem-

**What's at stake**

The daily, mostly peaceful demonstrations in Kiev are aimed at bringing down the Ukrainian government over its decision to shun the European Union for closer ties to Moscow and over human rights violations.

onstrations aimed at bringing down the government could turn more violent.

With a central Kiev street ablaze and covered with thick black smoke from burning tires

and several thousand protesters continuing to clash with riot police, opposition leaders urged tens of thousands of demonstrators in a nearby square to refrain from violence and remain in the main protest camp for the next 24 hours.

They demanded that Yanukovich dismiss the government, call early elections and scrap harsh anti-protest legislation. It was last week's passage of the laws cracking down on protests

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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

**Still cool**

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