

**TODAY'S WEATHER**

GOOD SUN,  
MILD WINDS



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**THEWEEKHEAD**  
IN THE KNOW

**MONDAY**  
**HEAT HOPING TO STAY ON TRACK**  
The Miami Heat is hoping to continue its two-game winning streak with an 8 p.m. home game at American-Airlines Arena against the San Antonio Spurs. Wednesday they're still here against the Oklahoma City Thunder.

**TUESDAY**  
**MIAMI-DADE RECALL ELECTIONS**  
Will Mayor Carlos Alvarez and County Commissioner Natacha Sejas survive?

**BEWARE**  
It's the Ides of March in the old Roman calendar.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**LET SUNSHINE IN**  
It's Freedom of Information Day, a celebration of the American ethos of openness in government.

**THURSDAY**  
**AMERICA'S BUYING POWER**  
The Bureau of Labor Statistics releases the February Consumer Price Index, a key economic indicator.

**DON YOUR GREEN**  
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a splash of green.



**MARCH MADNESS**  
Office pools consume corporate America as college basketball's annual tournament is under way.

**FRIDAY**  
**THE LINCOLN LAWYER**  
Matthew McConaughey, Marisa Tomei and Ryan Phillippe bring Michael Connelly's bestseller to the big screen.

**SATURDAY**  
**IT'S A BIRD! IT'S A PLANE! IT'S SUPERMOON!**  
The moon makes its closest approach to Earth, visible in its full splendor - a phenomenon called the perigee and more colloquially called The Extreme Supermoon.

**SUNDAY**  
**HAITI POLLS**  
Haitian presidential runoff elections pit former first lady Mirlande Manigat, 70, against Carnival singer "Sweet Micky" Martelly, 49, the two top finishers of the Nov. 28 first round.

**CALLE OCHO STREET FESTIVAL**



PHOTOS BY ALEXIA FODERE/FOR THE MIAMI HERALD

## JOY ON THE STREET

Thousands thronged a stretch of Little Havana on Sunday for the 33rd Calle Ocho Street Festival, a celebration of South Florida's Hispanic heritage. With salsa music and performers on 12 stages, and the aroma of heavily seasoned national dishes in the air, the crowd moved almost shoulder-to-shoulder down Southwest Eighth Street between 11th and 27th avenues. Above, Shanelle Calderon and Carmen Mendez, in front, dance to the music amid the multitudes, while at right, Richi Babalu has a little more space to dance with Keily Mels. Sunday's festival was the culmination of Carnaval Miami, a 10-day event that includes an 8K run and a golf tournament, all to raise money for the Kiwanis of Little Havana. **Story, 8B**



**LATIN AMERICA**

## Obama visit to Americas stirs hope in region

■ President Obama's upcoming trip to Latin America is an opportunity to forge a relationship based on new realities and a vision for the future.

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As President Barack Obama prepares for his trip to Brazil, Chile and El Salvador this week, there is optimism in the region that his swing south will begin a new relationship — one that reflects the profound changes Latin America has undergone in the past decade.

But with a budget crisis looming in the United States and the possibility of a partial U.S. government shutdown by the end of the week if a stop-gap measure isn't approved, the president's trip, scheduled for Friday through Wednesday, could be delayed.

If the trip goes forward as planned, the Latin America that Obama will encounter is more confident, more politically diverse and healthier economically since adopting sometimes painful reforms.

Chile and Brazil have looked to new markets beyond the Western Hemisphere and increasingly formed investment and trade links with China. Chile's trade with China, for example, is now more than double its trade with the United States, and China also has overtaken the United States as Brazil's top trading partner.

"South America, especially, feels much more autonomous economically and politically now," said Sergio Bitar, who served as minister of mining, education

•TURN TO OBAMA, 2A

 **MiamiHerald.com:** Visit our website to read more about Obama's trip

**CUBA**

## Exiles smuggle in most satphones

■ Most of the illegal satellite phones in Cuba have been slipped in by exiles, not the U.S. government, as the island nation's regime asserts.

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Four antennas for satellite telephones were smuggled into Cuba disguised as surfboards. Many others were simply homemade on the island out of metal sheeting or cement.

Cuba alleges the satellite phones are part of a secret U.S.

"cyberwar" to subvert the communist system by giving dissidents and others access to Internet and telephone services that its intelligence services cannot monitor or block.

Yet the vast majority of the illegal satellite phones in Cuba were slipped in not by U.S. government agents but by exiles

who want their relatives and friends to access the services, several knowledgeable sources told El Nuevo Herald.

One Miami man quietly offers satphones for \$3,500 up front and \$50 a month. Other systems offered by U.S., Canadian, European and Central American companies cost as little as \$410 for the equipment and \$39.99 a month.

The exact number of sat-

•TURN TO PHONES, 2A

**DISASTER IN JAPAN**

## Nuclear, humanitarian crises increase

■ A police official estimated the number of deaths at more than 10,000 on a day when there were two partial meltdowns of nuclear plants.

New York Times Service

SENDAI, Japan — Japan faced mounting humanitarian and nuclear emergencies Sunday as the death toll from Friday's earthquake and tsunami climbed astronomically, partial meltdowns occurred at two crippled plants and cooling problems struck four more reactors.

In one town alone, the port of Minamisanriku, a senior police official said the number of dead would "certainly be more than

10,000." The overall number is also certain to climb as searchers began to reach coastal villages that essentially vanished under the first muddy surge of the tsunami, which struck the nation's northern Pacific coast. Prime Minister Naoto Kan told a news conference late Sunday: "I think that the earthquake, tsunami and the situation at our nuclear reactors makes up the worst crisis in the 65 years since the war. If the nation works together, we will overcome."

•TURN TO JAPAN, 4A

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Get the latest developments on the earthquake in Japan



WALLY SANTANA/AP

**EXAMINED:** Residents near the Fukushima nuclear facilities are checked for radiation contamination Sunday.

**U.S. POLITICS**

## Keeping up with the GOP governors

■ Newly elected Republican governors, including Gov. Rick Scott, are exerting power in dramatic ways and jumping over each other for a share of the national spotlight.

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WASHINGTON — It may be a bigger threat to President Barack Obama than Romney, Palin or Gingrich — a crew by the name of Christie, Scott and Walker that is slashing budgets, undercutting the new healthcare law and picking fights with unions.

Call 2011 the year of the Republican governor.

Newly elected officials such as New Jersey's Chris Christie, Florida's Rick Scott and Wisconsin's Scott Walker are exerting power in dramatic ways and jumping over each other for a share of the national spotlight.

"Keeping up with the Christies," chided The New York Times editorial page

•TURN TO GOVERNORS, 11A

**BUSINESS MONDAY**

**RIDING THE CLOUD**

SOUTH FLORIDA COMPANIES CREATING CLOUD-BASED SERVICES ARE ON THE RISE

**LOCAL & STATE, 1B**

**A DAY WHEN EVERYONE'S IRISH**

BAGPIPES, BEER AND THOUSANDS TURNED OUT FOR THE ANNUAL PARADE IN HOLLYWOOD

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