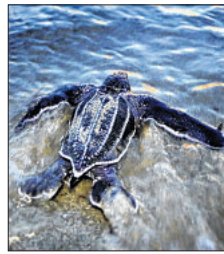


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### Rapid-response flaw exposed

U.S. command in Africa was 'not able to arrive in time' with Sept. 11's assault on the U.S. Consulate in Libya. **A2**

### NATION & WORLD

#### Syrian opposition in leadership fight

Divided, ideologically diverse factions may not come together into a structure the U.S., allies can work with. **A2**

#### China power transfer:

Taking supreme power, Xi Jinping will take the helm of a more confident China than the U.S. has known. **A3**

### LOCAL

#### Watchdog report due on police radio

The county Inspector General calls a long-awaited report on the OpenSky system 'imminent.' **B1**

**Longevity county:** One in five officials has held continually elected office for a decade. **B1**

#### Royal Palm Beach:

The Commons Park contractor misses its Oct. 31 deadline to finish and faces \$1,000-a-day fines. **B1**

### BUSINESS

#### Delray project debate: Taxes vs. traffic jams

Downtown's largest redevelopment has supporters, opponents lining up to weigh in. **F1**

#### Meaningless lingo:

U.S. Food and Drug Administration finds wrinkles in beauty product claims. **F3**

### SPORTS

#### Bosh scores 40, leads Heat to win

Miami bests Denver 119-116; LeBron James scores 20 points. **C1**

#### Not pretty: UF defense

carries the team for a 14-7 win over Missouri in The Swamp. **C1**

### FALL BACK

Did you set your clock back by one hour?



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## POST ON POLITICS ELECTION 2012

# 48 HOURS TO E-DAY

## Obama, Romney plan more visits to Fla. before Tuesday

By **George Bennett**  
 Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

After more than a year and a half of campaigning, \$2 billion in spending and more than 1 million TV ads, the 2012 presidential race comes down to its final 48 hours and a battle for Florida and perhaps nine other swing states.

The race also comes down to the economy — consistently rated the top issue on voters' minds — and whether Americans are satisfied with the pace of recovery under President Obama or want to switch to Republican nominee Mitt Romney.

48 hours continued on **A10**

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#### Also inside

» Daily campaign, **A3**  
 » Complete list of races, amendments and how to vote, **A8**

## Felons, dead people are eligible voters on final county roll

By **Andrew Maloney and Joel Engelhardt**  
 Palm Beach Post Staff Writers

Peter Costello, a felon convicted of racketeering and fraud in 1998, has no right to vote because his civil rights never have been restored.

But that didn't stop the registered Republican from casting a ballot in the Aug. 14 primary, and, he said in an interview with The Palm Beach Post, submitting an absentee ballot for Tuesday's election.

Costello, 74, of Delray Beach, is one of eight felons who voted in this year's primary with-

Voters continued on **A6**

## POST EXCLUSIVE SUPERSTORM SANDY

# Locals confront disaster



James Connelly, a part-time Jupiter resident, stands where his pool used to be outside his home Friday in Bayville, N.J., a city that sustained massive damage from Superstorm Sandy. The powerful storm surge ripped his pool and deck out of the ground.

GARY CORONADO / THE PALM BEACH POST

Area snowbirds stand up to Sandy up north and cope with the aftermath.

By **Kimberly Miller**  
 Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

BRIGHTON BEACH, N.J. — There was an urgency in his voice — the man with the bullhorn — and it was chilling.

"Evacuate immediately! Evacuate immediately!"

Suburban West Palm Beach resident Anthony Armenti was at his second home on

**Also inside**  
 » Superstorm stokes concerns about global warming, **A3**

this sliver of sand between the Atlantic Ocean and Little Egg Harbor. A hurricane, soon to bear the moniker "Superstorm Sandy," was only hours away.

Armenti looked east to the ocean. "That water is going

to come over those dunes," he said, and accelerated his packing.

Thirty miles north, part-time Hobe Sound resident Carol Barulic made her way across the Thomas A. Mathis Bridge to mainland New Jersey, leaving behind her family's 75-year-old fish market

Sandy continued on **A16**

### POST ON THE SCENE

Palm Beach Post Staff Writer Kimberly Miller and photographer Gary Coronado hit the ground last week on the Jersey Shore to find locals affected by Superstorm Sandy.

## POST COVERAGE HOME INSURANCE

# Astronomical rate hikes? This man fought back

Maybe, like Delray's Fred Goetz, you can too?



Delray Beach homeowner Fred Goetz's policy was canceled when he refused to pay a doubled premium after his home was inspected. He called it a 'ploy ... to milk the homeowners in Florida.'

By **Charles Elmore**  
 Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Whatever effect, if any, that Hurricane Sandy may eventually have on Florida insurance bills, premiums are already spiking for Fred Goetz and hundreds of thousands of his fellow residents.

In one stroke, his annual bill more than doubled to \$8,707. Insurer Tower Hill said he did not qualify for discounts on features in his home designed to harden it against hurricanes.

Goetz, an IBM engineer before retiring in Palm Beach County, suspected "another ploy to allow the insurance companies to milk the homeowners in Florida, and it should come to a stop."

About 300,000 customers of the state's largest property insurer, Citizens, have been visited by a company-paid reinspection campaign. It has raised bills for three out of four of them, by an average of almost \$600 a year. Some premiums have more than doubled.

Most people, confused and exasperated,

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