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## DAYBREAK

Your day in Brunswick and the Golden Isles

### The Weather

HIGH **84**  
LOW **66**

### Rip currents possible at ocean beaches

If you are going to a beach today, watch for an increased chance of rip currents. The other risk today is from a high ultraviolet index that increases the chance of sunburn. Otherwise, expect a pleasant day, with a high temperature in the mid-80s, an overnight low in the mid-60s and calm winds. **Tides and five-day forecast, 10A**

### Worth doing

### Photos, paintings on display in exhibits

You have a choice of art exhibits today. On St. Simons Island, Glynn Art Association, 529 Beachview Drive, has a photo exhibit, called "Local Colors," from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In Darien, the McIntosh Art Association will exhibit paintings by Jackie Strickland from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Old Jail Art Center, 404 Northway.

### Worth knowing



An Early Head Start class

### Program encourages early start at reading

An Early Head Start program in Glynn County is trying to get children from low-income homes excited about reading at an early age. **The Literacy Project, 3A**

### Talk about

### Plans for utility headquarters

The Brunswick and Glynn County Joint Water-Sewer Commission is considering trading vacant land where it had intended to build a headquarters for a bank building downtown to make it its headquarters, removing it from the tax roll. Is that a good idea for downtown? **Editorial, 6A**

### Get involved

### County commission to weigh dog rules

The Glynn County Commission will meet at 6 p.m. today at the historic county courthouse, 701 G St., Brunswick. On the agenda: consider changing the rules for dogs and horses at the St. Simons Island beach.

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# Phone app joins beach litter fight



Bobby Haven/The Brunswick News

Sadie Mills, Georgia Sea Turtle Center AmeriCorp education member, holds a smartphone to which the Marine Debris application, top, is downloaded, while picking up litter on the Jekyll Island beach.

## Database spots problem areas

By **NIKKI WILEY**  
The Brunswick News

The Georgia Sea Turtle Center is using technology to get a better idea of where litter is a problem on Jekyll Island beaches.

Volunteers can now use a smartphone application to record litter left on beaches as a part of the Georgia Sea Turtle Center's Marine Debris Initiative. Individuals are instructed to log information into the app each time they pick up a piece of trash on the beach so that a running database of problematic areas and common types of litter can be filed.

"As they're collecting the trash they just mark and log in the app," said Jeannie Miller, AmeriCorp and volunteer program coordinator for the Sea Turtle Center.

Volunteers don't need to have a smart phone of their own to make a difference, Miller said. The center received iPod Touch devices for volunteers to use for the program with the grant that



### Track it

To view beach litter data at the Marine Debris Initiative, go to [www.marinedebris.engr.uga.edu/data](http://www.marinedebris.engr.uga.edu/data)

To download the smartphone application for the initiative, go to [www.marinedebris.engr.uga.edu/how-do-i-start-tracking](http://www.marinedebris.engr.uga.edu/how-do-i-start-tracking)

made the program possible from the Southeast Atlantic Marine Debris Initiative and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The Georgia Sea Turtle Center Marine Debris Initiative is part of a larger program that runs from Georgia to North Carolina, called the Southeast Atlantic Marine Debris Initiative, funded by NOAA. Information logged on Jekyll Island and loaded into the Southeast Atlantic Marine Debris Initiative is made available for public viewing on a Google Maps website.

The program is two-fold, Miller said, as it provides the island with a way to see where litter may be a problem and is a useful educational tool. The center hopes to take its "Garbage in the Water" program, which is another aspect of the Marine Debris Initiative, to all third-grade classes in Glynn County at no cost to the schools.

Tourists who travel to Jekyll Island and are interested in volunteering at the center, but don't

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# Special athletes race into games

## Contests aid physical, social skills

By **GORDON JACKSON**  
The Brunswick News

Jayce Perkins' first experience as a volunteer at the regional Special Olympics got off to a fast start Wednesday in St. Marys.

Perkins, a machinist's mate at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, was given the responsibility of taking 15-year-old Matthew O'Hara to different events to compete.

When the 200-meter race began at the Navy base track, Matthew took off at a full sprint, increasing his lead with every stride.

Perkins said he was surprised at how fast he had to run to keep Matthew, a Ware County Middle School pupil, in sight.

After the race, Perkins was still catching his breath as he and Matthew headed to the medal ceremony.

"I thought I was in good shape," he said, rolling his eyes. "I thought, if anything, I'd be the motivator."

More than 900 volunteers joined Perkins to team up with

the 425 athletes from eight Southeast Georgia counties, including Glynn, Camden and surrounding counties.

Navy Command Master Chief Jim Schubert said it's easy to find volunteers to help athletes for the regional event, which has been held at Kings Bay the past 16 years.

"It's not hard to find volunteers because there is so much satisfaction on both sides of the fence," he said. "The kids provide more to us than we do for them. Every one of these kids deserves a perfect day."

After volunteering for five Special Olympics, Schubert said he has seen how volunteers bond with the athletes as they spend more time with each other.

"They're not handicapped. They're different," he said.

Navy Capt. John O'Neill, commanding officer at Kings Bay, said the sailors, Marines, civilian workers and volunteers from surrounding communities take pride in helping the athletes attain their

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Spec. 1st Class (SW) James Kimber/U.S. Navy photo

Matthew O'Hara of Waycross leaps to a 3½ jump in the standing long jump Wednesday at the Area 16 Georgia Special Olympics at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.

# Flu season is scarcely a sniffle

## Concern arises about complacency in future

By **GORDON JACKSON**  
The Brunswick News

Flu season officially ended Tuesday, leaving some people who remained healthy throughout it wondering if that immunization last fall was worth it.

This past flu season, monitored statistically from October through April, was relatively quiet, with fewer identified cases in Coastal Georgia, because of flu shots and other factors.

"We had a real mild winter," Sally Silbermann, Coastal Health District public information officer, said. "It never got super cold."

The flu season was quiet, especially compared to 2009, when the H1N1 virus (originally referred to as swine flu) caused nationwide concern. The 2009 flu season is the one to which every year since has been compared, Silbermann said.

"I think it definitely put a spotlight on the fact that they had to create a vaccine for that flu," she said. "We didn't want people to panic. We wanted them to protect themselves."

Silbermann says the concern after a mild flu season is that some people will be complacent about being immunized this fall.

People should plan to get immunized and do it early in the flu season. Flu shots are typically available beginning in mid fall, she said.

Parents should also encourage their children to wash their hands often and, if they do catch the flu, to cough or sneeze near the insides of their elbows to avoid spreading the virus.

Adults who have the flu can help by staying home until they have recovered.

And, of course, health officials encourage everyone to get a vaccination.

"Just because you didn't get the flu last year doesn't mean you won't get it this year," she said. "Just because you have a mild season this year, doesn't mean next year won't be bad."

**\$28,000**  
How much Brunswick could collect yearly from a 3 percent tax on drinks of distilled spirits

# City weighs taxing liquor by the drink

By **MEGHAN PITTMAN**  
The Brunswick News

In attempt to find new sources of revenue for a parched budget, the Brunswick City Commission has told administrators to explore the possibility of levying a 3 percent tax on liquor sold by the drink.

Glynn County collects a similar tax in its unincorporated area, as do 14 other Georgia cities with populations similar to that of Brunswick.

City Manager Bill Weeks, who has to develop a balanced budget by the beginning of the new fiscal year July 1, asked the commission at its regular meeting Wednesday to consider imposing the tax.

"(Glynn County) has been doing this for years. They receive about \$175,000 a year," Weeks said. "It's a local ordinance, a local tax, and it stays here in the city."

Based on per capita tax collected in the city of Duluth, with a population 26,600, Weeks estimates the tax would raise \$26,000 to \$28,000 annually for Brunswick.

For the city's parched budget, the revenue from a tax on distilled spirits would be a welcome addition.

"If it opens up a revenue stream, I think we should look into it more," Mayor Bryan Thompson said. "I think we should ask them to look into this more, and work toward this."

Commissioners agreed that the tax would help quench the city's revenue-thirsty budget and authorized Weeks and city attorney Nathan Williams to explore it.

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Spec. 1st Class (SW) James Kimber/U.S. Navy photo

Jasmine Morrell of Glynn County, left, follows her buddy, Lacy Roberts of Glynn County, on Wednesday during the 100-yard dash or walk at the Area 16 Georgia Special Olympics at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.

## Games: Program helps athletes

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goals during the games.

"They recognize how important it is taking care of others," he said. "I think they are impressed by the athletes."

Glynn Middle School paraprofessional Wendy Merritt said athletes are excited to participate each year. She said the games

have an added benefit of helping participants improve their social skills.

"It means a lot, getting a chance to meet people," she said. "Everyone's smiling."

Jarred Jarvish, a 14-year-old pupil at Morningstar Academy in Glynn County, beamed with pride after his victory in the 100-meter walk.

"I've never been to the Olympics until now," he said. "I beat everyone. I won!"

Tiffany Birt, a Camden Middle School teacher, said the Special Olympics is the single event of the school year that gets her students genuinely excited.

"This is the event of the year," she said. "They all get medals. They have smiles all day."

## App: Also for Jekyll beach program

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have the time to go through training required for volunteer work in the center now have an outlet to help, Miller said.

The program is also being used through Jekyll Island's Adopt-a-Beach program.

"It's a great way to show what kind of impact you can make on your vacation," Miller said. "We're hoping to give the people that come to the Sea Turtle Center but can't be a committed volunteer the opportunity to help out."

Miller hopes that the program will allow the center to see where the worst areas are for litter on the island.

So far, two beach sweeps have used the devices and it is too early to pinpoint any problematic areas.

"As the rest of it picks up, we should be able to see a concentration of what type of debris there is or where it is," Miller said.

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## 'The Scream' fetches record \$119.9 million

By DEEPTI HAJELA and ULA ILNYTSKY  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — One of the art world's most recognizable images — Edvard Munch's "The Scream" — sold Wednesday for a record \$119,922,500 at auction in New York City.

The 1895 artwork — a modern symbol of human anxiety — was sold at Sotheby's. The buyer's name was not released.

The previous record for an artwork sold at auction was \$106.5 million for Picasso's "Nude, Green Leaves, and Bust," sold by Christie's in 2010.

Munch's image of a man holding his head and screaming under a streaked, blood-red sky is one of four versions by the Norwegian expressionist painter. The auctioned piece at Sotheby's is the only one left in private hands.

The image has become part of pop culture, "used by everyone from Warhol to Hollywood to cartoons to teacups and T-shirts," said Michael Frahm of the London-based art advisory service firm Frahm Ltd. "Together with the Mona Lisa, it's the most famous and recognized image in art history."

A buzz swept through the room when the artwork was presented for auction as two guards stood watch on either side. Bidding started at \$40 million with seven buyers jumping into the competition early.

The battle eventually boiled down to two phone bidders as



Frank Franklin II/AP

Edvard Munch's "The Scream" is auctioned Wednesday at Sotheby's in New York.

the historic hammer price was finally achieved after more than 12 minutes. The record price includes the buyer's premium, an additional amount the buyer pays the auction house.

Sotheby's said the pastel-on-board version of "The Scream" is the most colorful and vibrant of the four and the only version whose frame was hand-painted by the artist to include his poem,

detailing the work's inspiration.

In the poem, Munch described himself "shivering with anxiety" and said he felt "the great scream in nature."

Norwegian businessman Petter Olsen, whose father was a friend and patron of the artist, said he sold the piece through Sotheby's because he felt "the moment has come to offer the rest of the world the chance to own and appreciate

this remarkable work."

"I have lived with this work all my life, and its power and energy have only increased with time," Olsen said.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward the establishment of a new museum, art center and hotel in Hvitsten, Norway, where Olsen's father and Munch were neighbors.

The director of the National Museum in Oslo, Audun Eckhoff, says Norwegian authorities approved the Munch sale since the other versions of the composition are in Norwegian museums.

One version is owned by the National Museum and two others by the Munch Museum, also in Oslo.

Frahm had predicted the sale would break a record. He said it will show that great quality artworks can still come up for sale; that the top end of the market is driving further away from the rest of the market and that it's a global market now where Asia and the Middle East are playing a more significant role than Europe and America.

A total of nine works now have sold for \$80 million or more at auction, according to Sotheby's.

Besides "The Scream" and Picasso's "Nude, Green Leaves, and Bust," only two other works have sold for more than \$100 million at auction. Those are Picasso's "Boy With a Pipe (The Young Apprentice)" for \$104.1 million in 2004 and Alberto Giacometti's "Walking Man I" for \$104.3 million in 2010.

## Drink: Public hearing needed

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The next step would be for the city is to develop an ordinance and hold a public hearing on it.

In other business, the commission:

- Adopted revisions to the alcohol beverage ordinance to include

licensed growler services to sell beer in half-gallon jugs.

- Heard complaints from Paul Woodard, retired sanitization employee, about the privatization of the city's sanitation department. The city is seeking bids for garbage pick up.

- Approved a contract for the

removal of the Bossy Betty, a shrimp boat that sank in East River at the city waterfront, with Drury Land and Marine for \$27,090.

- Discussed surplus real estate.
- Discussed usage of the pavilion at Mary Ross Waterfront Park and Farmers Market.

## Two women claim discarded lotto ticket

By JEANNIE NUSS  
Associated Press

BEEBE, Ark. — When she plucked a winning lottery ticket out of the trash, Sharon Jones' luck changed instantly. The \$1 million prize let her pay off debts, give thousands of dollars to her children and buy a gleaming new pickup truck.

But now her jackpot is in jeopardy. A judge ruled this week that the money belongs to another woman, who says she threw the ticket away after a lottery machine incorrectly told her it was a loser. The Arkansas Lottery Commission insists there are no problems with its equipment.

to come back after she's already thrown it away and say, "Oh no. Now that it is a winner, I want the money?" said Jones' husband, William, who was laid off last year after working in construction.

Sharon Jones claimed the \$1 million prize last July, turning in a scratch-off "Diamond Dazzler" ticket that the other woman, Sharon Duncan, said she purchased earlier at the Super 1 Stop convenience store in Beebe, about 35 miles northeast of Little Rock.

Duncan told a judge she discarded the ticket after an electronic scanner told her it was "not a winner."

"And then the next thing you know, 10 months later, you're

fighting for something that was trash," William Jones said.

Years ago, Sharon Jones quit her job washing dishes at a cafe in nearby Searcy to tend to her father-in-law as he was dying from a lung disease. She often collected discarded lottery tickets because they can qualify for secondary prizes. What used to be her father-in-law's bedroom now contains three large plastic bins full of thousands of old tickets — and a copy of the winning ticket.

Jones discovered the ticket was a winner when the state's database wouldn't let her enter the ticket number.

The state Lottery Commission said it is confident its machines work properly.

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