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Wilson weighs in



LARRY WARD/T&D

North Mayor Earl Jeffcoat and U.S. Congressman Joe Wilson take a tour of North Auxiliary Airfield, including the air traffic control tower, Thursday afternoon as a part of Wilson's annual Second Congressional District bus tour.

Lawmaker: Consult Congress before taking action in Syria

By GENE ZALESKI
T&D Staff Writer

NORTH — Second District Congressman Joe Wilson says President Barack Obama and his administration have already "made mistakes" handling Syria and other crises in the Middle East.

"We should have assisted the truly democratic forces of Syria early on, particularly the young people of the country who want change," Wilson said. "But now the delay by the administration, the confusion by the administration has allowed al-Qaeda and its associates to become the predominate anti-Assad forces."

The Republican lawmaker made the comments after a brief tour of North Auxiliary Airfield Thursday afternoon.

The U.S. and other Western governments have cited the need for military intervention in response to evidence that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's forces



AP

Syria's state news agency has quoted Syrian President Bashar Assad, above, as saying Syria will defend itself against any aggression. Assad's comments on Thursday come at a time of rising expectations of a punitive military strike against Syria by Western powers, in response to suspected poison gas attacks near Damascus last week. The group Doctors Without Borders says the attacks killed 355 people. **Story, A3**

U.S. readies possible

Cox named Manufacturer of the Year

T&D Staff Report

Orangeburg's Cox Industries has been named the 2013 Medium Manufacturer of the Year by the S.C. Department of Commerce.

"It is an honor to be chosen for this prestigious award. It is a direct reflection of the hard work and commitment of the Cox family of employees," Cox Industries CEO Mikee Johnson said in a release.

The department announced the winners Thursday, noting the family-owned and operated Cox Industries operates 12 manufacturing facilities and six distribution yards and employs more than 400 people in 10 states. It has been a manufacturer and distributor of treated outdoor wood products since 1994.

Cox Industries' values statement is, "Cox cares about people, products and practices." Recently, Cox donated materials for 600 picnic tables built by Boy Scout troops across the state and placed in South Carolina state parks.

"Daily, I see or hear about our teams serving our customers and friends with a joyful heart," Johnson said. "They are involved in building Habitat houses, delivering picnic tables for S.C. state parks, coaching ball teams, active in their churches or perhaps just lending a hand to a neighbor or fellow employee."

"I think this desire to build a better world is inherent in the manufacturing spirit. We are fortunate that we get to take sustainably grown local trees and manufacture treated wood products that support the infrastructure of South Carolina, the nation and many other countries around the globe."

Cox Industries was awarded the Small S.C. Manufacturer of the Year honor in 2011, as well as the Silver Crescent Award. In 2012, the S.C. Manufacturers Alliance awarded Cox Industries the Excellence in Corporate Responsibility Award.

It was named 2013 South Carolina Family Business of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Other 2013 Manufacturers of the Year are:

■ Small — Graniteville Specialty Fabrics, Graniteville

■ Large — Michelin North America, Greenville

Other 2013 nominees were KapStone Paper & Packaging Corporation, Meritor Heavy Vehicle Systems, Pegasus Steel, Sumter Packaging Corporation and UEC Electronics.



CHRISTOPHER HURT/T&D

Mikee Johnson is the CEO of Cox Industries.

SCSU trustees mull their role in hirings

By DALE UNDER-ALTMAN
T&D Staff Writer

South Carolina State University trustees considered Thursday how much input the board should have in the

said the board received resumes of potential vice presidents in the past, and it should be consulted before an individual is hired.

"There may be some things that somebody else knows

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Congressman Joe Wilson spoke to the media Thursday about foreign relations. View the video at www.TheTandD.com

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SYRIA DIVIDES POLITICIANS

GOP debate centers on US role in conflicts overseas

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The prospect of a U.S. military strike on Syria is putting pressure on political fault lines, and the tremors are being felt in South Carolina.



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National security hawks like U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham see a lawless world in need of American leadership and, when the cause is just, its soldiers and bombs.

The Republican Party's emergent libertarian wing, however, represented most prominently at the moment by Sen.

Rand Paul, a possible presidential candidate, emphasizes the cost of foreign wars and their effect on U.S. public relations abroad.

The differences are playing out in South Carolina as Graham fights for a third term against three other Republicans and a Democrat who want his job and as White House hopefuls visit the state ahead of its first-in-the-South

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VIEWS

Hear what Rick Perry, Bobby Jindal and Rand Paul said about Syria while in the Upstate at Greenville Online.com.

Sen. Lindsey Graham and Sen. Rand Paul represent opposing viewpoints on the use of force in Syria.

USC gets off to a fast start



Mike Davis, right, celebrates after his 75-yard touchdown run in the second half of University of South Carolina's game against University of North Carolina in Columbia on Thursday. MYKAL MCDOWNEY/STAFF

GAMECOCKS TAKE UNC BY STORM

By Willie T. Smith III

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COLUMBIA — Jadeveon Clowney wasn't spectacular in South Carolina's 27-10 win over Atlantic Coast Conference foe North Carolina, Thursday night.

But he didn't have to be.

The Gamecocks put in a workmanlike performance in their victory over the Tar Heels. The defense was solid and the special teams were OK. On offense, however, a few players who will have to step up this season if the sixth-ranked squad is to have the kind of year coach Steve Spurrier is hoping for had impressive starts.

Sophomore running back Mike Davis put on a performance that had to make his older brother, former Clem-



Arrest made in fatal shooting

Friends mourn mother whose body found in field

By Amy Clarke Burns

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Myranda Dale Southern was remembered by a longtime friend as "a really devoted mother, a really good friend, a family person."

"She had this most fantastic laugh. It ruled up the whole room," said Meredith Tweed, a friend of Southern's since high school. "She was really gregarious. She was the sort of person who didn't ever really know a stranger."

Tweed said Southern, a 31-year-old mother of two, was happiest when she was spending time with family and friends, whether at the zoo with her kids or at a restaurant with a laughing group. "She becomes so much a part of people's lives that she becomes a part of their family," Tweed said.

Southern's body was found in a Laurens County field a week ago but not identified until Thursday, and late Thursday night authorities arrested a Greenville man in her death. The man's name couldn't be immediately confirmed through warrants.

The arrest was made in Greenville County without incident, and the man was transported to the Laurens County Sheriff's Office, according to Lt. Judy Stiles, spokeswoman for the Sheriff's Office.

Authorities believe that the two be-

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Myranda Southern

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USC SPRINTS TO EARLY LEAD; DEFENSE STUFFS HEELS



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USC quarterback Dylan Thompson celebrates his first-half touchdown throw during Thursday night's game.

The Gamecocks open the season Thursday night at Williams-Brice Stadium with a bruising victory against UNC after a lengthy rain and lightning delay.

INSIDE: Mike Davis (featured on a poster page), Shea Palani, Kane Whitehurst give USC his play TDs. **Section 6**



Fines for defunding Savannah River Site could top \$150M. SOUTH, B1

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Trio of tax hikes coming your way?

County, schools, library may team up in 2014

BY DIETTE COURRÉGE CASIN
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Charleston County residents could be faced with three proposed tax hikes next fall, but that might be too many for voters to stomach.

Nothing is definite, but it's clear that three county agencies are looking at the same time frame to ask for more money.

School Superintendent Nancy McGinley has started talking about possibly extending beyond

2016 the 1 percent sales tax for school buildings.

Separate from that, county officials have been considering next fall as a time to request a potential half-percent sales tax hike for roads and green space projects.

And library leaders have been eyeing that same time for a possible referendum for new buildings.

"If you put those three issues up separately, they likely won't be successful," said Mary Graham, senior vice president for business advocacy at the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce.

"We think there's a lot of merit in putting all three items together as a campaign."

Grouping those projects would help the referendum appeal to a broader group of voters and give it more potential to successfully pass, she said.

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Poll

As a Charleston County resident, what kind of tax increase would you support in November 2014? Go to postandcourier.com to vote.

That local spirit

Charleston distillery infused with homegrown flavor heralds a trend



PHOTOGRAPHS BY PAUL DOLLER/STAFF

Scott Blackwell, co-owner of High Wire Distilling Co., washes the still Wednesday in Charleston.

BY HANNA RASKIN
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Craft distilling is still fairly new to South Carolina, but the state's long agricultural history may be critical to the budding sector's success.

Borrowing a tactic from West coast spirit producers, the first distillery to open in downtown Charleston is planning to distinguish its liquors with Southern-grown herbs, corn, sugar cane and sorghum.

"We live in a really vibrant agricultural community," said Ann Marshall of High Wire Distilling Co., which will open Sept. 12 in a former painting contractor's warehouse at 652 King St., alongside Butcher & Bee. "There are a lot of things we can do."

Among the first things they are doing is a

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Aging barrels hold rum at the distillery.

If you go

WHAT: Tours of High Wire Distilling Co.
WHEN: 1-5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tours begin on the hour.

WHERE: 652 King St.

COST: \$8, including three half-ounce tasting samples. \$5 for non-tasting ticket. Free for children under 12.

MORE INFO: Tours are limited to 25 people and reservations are recommended. Tasting guests must present valid ID, and children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The distillery will open Sept. 12.

ONLINE: highwiredistilling.com.

Poll

Would you be more or less likely to buy locally distilled spirits over national brands? Go to postandcourier.com to vote.

ILA workers return to jobs

Clerk terminations spurred walkout

BY TYRONE RICHARDSON
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Longshoremen returned to work at the Mount Pleasant and North Charleston terminals Thursday night, roughly nine hours after walking off the job amid a labor dispute that threatened to disrupt supply chains across the globe.

The dockworkers returned to work about 7 p.m., shortly after a federal judge signed an order, officials said.

Longshoremen walked off the job at Wando Welch and North Charleston terminals Thursday morning. The action was the result of an unspecified number of members of International Longshoremen's Association Local 1771 Clerks and Checkers being fired for not agreeing to expanded duties outside their labor contract, according to Ken Riley, president of ILA Local 1422 in Charleston.

Riley said the ILA workers were told about new duties on Wednesday. When they declined to accept the added duties Thursday morning, they were terminated, Riley added.

Clerks and checkers are charged with directing trucks that move in and out of the port. They are employed by stevedores, the third party group that organizes and supervises the work done by longshoremen.

Early Thursday evening, U.S. District Judge David C. Norton signed a temporary restraining order that told ILA members to return to work at the terminals.

The complaint by the S.C. Stevedores Association claims the ILA workers' actions are "causing irreparable damage."

Riley was not available for further comment Thursday night.

Even though the truck flow is determined by ILA workers, some apparently never left the job, since the tractor-trailers were still moving in

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Gunman will go to trial in bike shop death



Claims self-defense in N. Chas. shootout

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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On the night he fatally shot a man outside a North Charleston motorcycle shop, Ronald Reid stuck to his story.

He wasn't part of the group that

instigated a fight leading to the shooting, he told detectives. He said he punched someone only after someone hit him as he tried to leave Cycle Gear on Dorchester Road. He saw 41-year-old Maurice Horry in the parking lot shaking a gun in his hand, but Reid said he didn't

draw his own pistol and fire until after a bullet pierced his right leg as he ducked for cover.

The round Reid fired that day landed into Horry's heart and killed him.

During a preliminary hearing Thursday, Reid's attorney, Andy

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Virginia Horry, mother of Maurice Horry, steps outside a hearing room, where the case against Ronald Reid was bound over for trial.

ANDREW KNAPP/STAFF



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DOE could be fined \$150M

Missed milestones at SRS due to budget cuts lands DOE in hot water with DHEC

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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South Carolina's Department of Health and Environmental Control has threatened to fine the Department of Energy more than \$150 million if missed milestones resulting from budget cuts continue at the Savannah River Site.

Department Director Catherine Templeton addressed the issue in a let-

ter to Energy Department Secretary Ernest Moniz.

Templeton outlined several on Site agreements that she feels the agency is in danger of violating, including starting operations of the Salt Waste Processing Facility by Oct. 31, 2015; treatment of all high-level waste by 2028; and the F-Area Industrial Wastewater General Closure Plan and the H-Area Industrial Wastewater General Closure Plan,

Templeton outlines several on Site agreements that she feels the agency is in danger of violating, including starting operations at the Salt Waste Processing Facility ... all high-level waste ... and the F-Area Industrial Wastewater General Closure Plan ...

which both contain closure schedules for 20 liquid waste tanks by 2022.

According to the letter, missing the

start up date of the Salt Waste Facility will result in a fine of \$105,000 per day, beginning on the past date of

Sept. 30, 2011.

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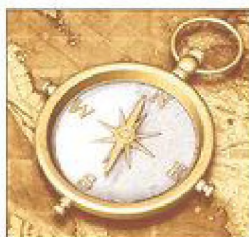
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WEATHER

A day in the life of Joe Wilson

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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"How many days of the year do you work?" a Hammond Hill Elementary School student asked U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C.

"I work every day," Wilson replied over the smiles and laughs the question produced. "I enjoy it, and I enjoy being with the public."

Wilson began his Wednesday morning with the public at 7:15 a.m. at the North Augusta AM Connection breakfast. In the first of many public appearances on his agenda, Wilson listened and commented on the city's latest plans. He addressed various issues, from the general growth of North Augusta to Project Jackson, which is a major economic development project proposed for North Augusta's waterfront.

"I think it will be a great facility that will meet the needs of this thriving community," Wilson said about Project Jackson.

In speaking with several local residents, Wilson's proverbial claim to fame is his ability to connect with seemingly everyone he speaks with.

"I was editor of my high school, college and law school papers, and I was also an intern at the *Post and Courier* in Charleston," Wilson told a group of reporters. "I really appreciate journalists, and I'm very print-oriented."

In his conversation with the media, Wilson spoke on how his work in Washington, D.C., allows to him take his annual tour.

"We have people come and visit our offices in Washington and locally," Wilson said. "People brief me on their organizations and conclude by asking me to come by. So we make a note, put



STAFF PHOTO BY DERREK ASBERRY

U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson sits with the students of Hammond Hill Elementary on Wednesday during his visit to Aiken.

it on the file and connect the dots so we can visit them on the tour."

Never breaking stride, Wilson continued his tour by visiting the aforementioned Hammond Hill Elementary in North Augusta. He approached the school kids with apparently the same fervor he approached city officials. At the same time, he spoke with an understanding of his elementary school audience.

"My name is Joe Wilson, and I represent your district," he told the group of kids.

The kids asked the Congressman

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U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C.

question after question. The "stage" appeared to be a safe haven for Wilson, as he answered questions about his job in the same manner he

answered questions posed by city officials.

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Planning for a financially stable retirement

BY AMY BANTON
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Retirement is intended to be a time of peace and leisure after decades of hard work.

With careful planning, retirement can be a much easier transition. From ensuring financial stability to writing a will, preparing for the last years of one's life is a very important step in making sure those golden years are stress free.

visor Greg Roberts, it's never too early to plan for retirement.

"Start saving whenever you can save," Roberts said. "If you can't save a lot, save a little. When your income goes up, save more."

Roberts said that when planning out retirement, look at Social Security, pension benefits and savings to realistically appraise what one's retirement income is going to be.

He said that it's important for a person to ensure they won't outlive their retirement income. He said

Choose the news

Aiken Standard readers got the chance to play assignment editor this month in a "Choose the News" online poll. Visitors to the poll were asked to pick five stories they most wanted to see in their hometown newspaper. This selection, How to Plan for Your Death and Retirement, is featured today. The other winners, which will be featured over the next several weeks, were:

- The dining opportunities that are a part of the Aiken experience
- The history behind the Aiken Community Playhouse

"That's going to require a substan- funds for long-term care is also im-



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BAY STREET CONSTRUCTION

Downtown paving set to start Tuesday

City and DOT give different schedules on around-the-clock roadwork on three commercial blocks

By ERIN MOODY
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One thing is certain: As long as the weather cooperates, around-the-clock, road-closing construction will begin Tuesday morning on the three commercial blocks of Bay Street in downtown Beaufort.

The rest of the schedule remains unclear.

The S.C. Department of Transportation

has hired a contractor to handle the federally funded paving in the city, but the schedule has changed several times since the work was announced at the beginning of August.

The city of Beaufort issued a news release Thursday stating that a portion of Bay Street between Newcastle and Carteret streets will be closed to vehicles starting early Tuesday. One lane of Bay Street between Newcastle and Hamar streets will be closed, and

a flagman will direct traffic. Construction will be around the clock and is slated for Tuesday to next Friday, but could be completed earlier, according to the release.

City manager Scott Dadson said that schedule reflects what city officials were told in a meeting Wednesday with the DOT.

However, DOT spokesman James Law offered a different schedule that was confirmed with engineers Thurs-

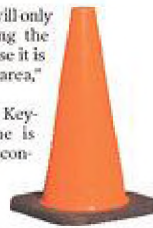
day afternoon. DOT plans to close Bay Street between Charles and Carteret streets starting Tuesday morning, and construction will go around the clock for two days or fewer.

When that is completed, contractors will move to the section between Hamar and Charles streets, Law said. Bay Street will be closed one lane at a time in the area, and work will occur only during the day. That is expected to take about two days, as well.

"That work will only be done during the daytime because it is a residential area," Law said.

Mayor Billy Keyserling said he is angered by the confusion.

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BRIDGE TO BUILD



DELYNA EARLEY • Staff photo

Workers with APAC Southeast Inc. and the S.C. Department of Transportation lay stone Thursday for the bridge lift that will eventually support the new Albergotti Creek Bridge on Trask Parkway in northern Beaufort County. The current bridge has been ranked among the 20 worst in the state by AAA Carolinas for years. APAC was awarded a \$4.9 million contract to replace the bridge. The project should be completed by October 2015, according to the DOT.

DREAM COAST FILMS

Filming short on funding

First-time producer Barbara Terry says Dream Coast Films needs \$2 million before pre-production can begin on "Route Nashville 65."

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Filming for a \$7.2 million movie about an aspiring country music singer remains on hold while a St. Helena Island producer says she is attempting to nail down \$2 million in financing.

In July, first-time producer Barbara Terry said production of "Route Nashville 65" would begin by the end of August. However, filming has been delayed at least a month, she said this week.

Terry said she is negotiating with two companies — which she said she could not name because of confidentiality agreements — and hopes to have one signed for \$2 million by mid-September.

"Obviously, we cannot go into pre-production and filming until one of these (companies) commits," Terry said.

Neither company is local; both have been involved with similar projects before, she said.

"It's very easy to say no, and neither of them have," she said.

Terry says about \$5 million has been committed for the movie, but much of it is in product-placement deals that won't be payable until the movie's final cut. Another \$1 million would come from state film incentives that require Terry to meet employment targets.

Terry said that until that funding is in place, she does not have the cash to close contracts, hire crews and actors, apply for the state incentives, or arrange for film locations. That work should take about two weeks, after which filming could begin.

Terry and director and writer Ric La Monte co-own Beaufort-based movie production company Dream Coast

IRS: Married gay couples can file taxes jointly

By CURTIS TATE and KEVIN G. HALL
 McClatchy Washington Bureau
 WASHINGTON — While Thurs-

Oates' self-defense appeal tossed

The case of a former Bluffton tow-truck driver accused of manslaughter will go to trial this fall.

By SARAH BOWMAN
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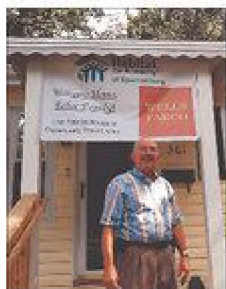
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Habitat renovation

Tom Webster, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Spartanburg (above), stands in front of a newly renovated home off Woodview Avenue on Thursday. It is the first dwelling the local Habitat agency has remodeled. Usually, new homes are built. **PAGE C4**

Tylenol warning

Bottles of Tylenol sold in the U.S. soon will bear red warnings alerting users to the potentially fatal risks of taking too much of the popular pain reliever. **PAGE A3**

Driving stalls in US

Driving in America has stalled, leading researchers to ask: Is the national love affair with the automobile over? **PAGE A4**

Company sued

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed a lawsuit Wednesday against Spartanburg-based Atchison Transportation Services Inc. alleging that two former motor coach drivers were fired because of their ages. **PAGE C1**

New concept

A local businesswoman has poured her creative and entrepreneurial talents into a new printing business in Boiling Springs, which she describes as a cross between FedEx-Kinkos and a boutique. **PAGE C7**

Weather

Allies resist strike against Syria

Congress wants more chemical attack proof; UK Parliament rejects military action

By JULIE PACE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama faced deep resistance Thursday to plans for a possible military strike against Syria, with U.S. lawmakers demanding more proof that Bashar Assad's government perpetrated a deadly chemical weapons attack and Britain's Parliament rejecting military action in a stunning late night vote.

Even so, the U.S. could launch action within days.

Unless British Prime Minister David Cameron defies Parliament, Obama faces the prospect of proceeding without a major ally that was expected to come on board. The White House signaled he was willing to move without international partners if it came to that.

"The president of the United States is elected with the duty to



Obama

protect the national security interests in the United States of America," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said.

Even before the vote in London, the U.S. was preparing to act without formal authorization from the United Nations, where Russia has blocked efforts to seek a resolution authorizing the use of force, or from Capitol Hill. Still, the White House sought to ease growing concerns among congressional lawmakers by deploying a bevy of top administration officials to brief

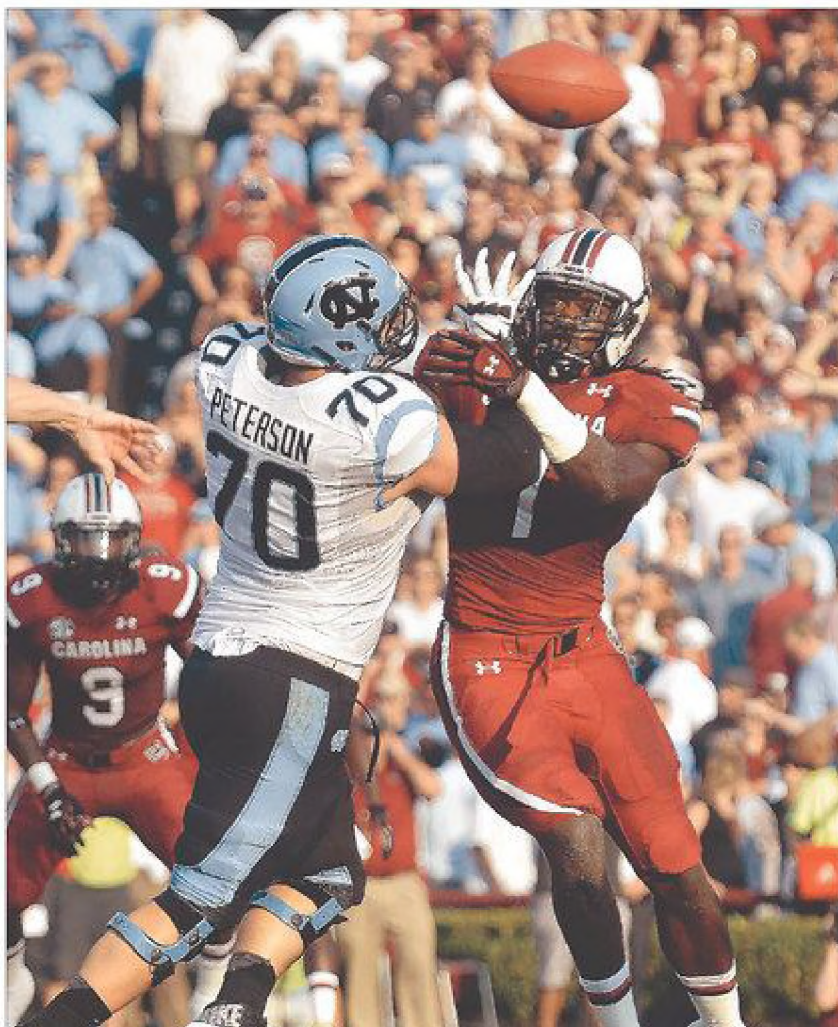
lawmakers Thursday evening on U.S. intelligence assessments.

Cameron made the case earlier Thursday that a military strike would be legal on humanitarian grounds. But he faced deep pressure from lawmakers and already had promised not to undertake military action until a U.N. chemical weapons team on the ground in Syria released its findings about the Aug. 21 attack.

The prime minister said in terse

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GAMECOCKS WIN



CONCUSSION-RELATED HEALTH ISSUES

NFL will pay \$765M to settle lawsuits

Unprecedented action affects thousands of former league players

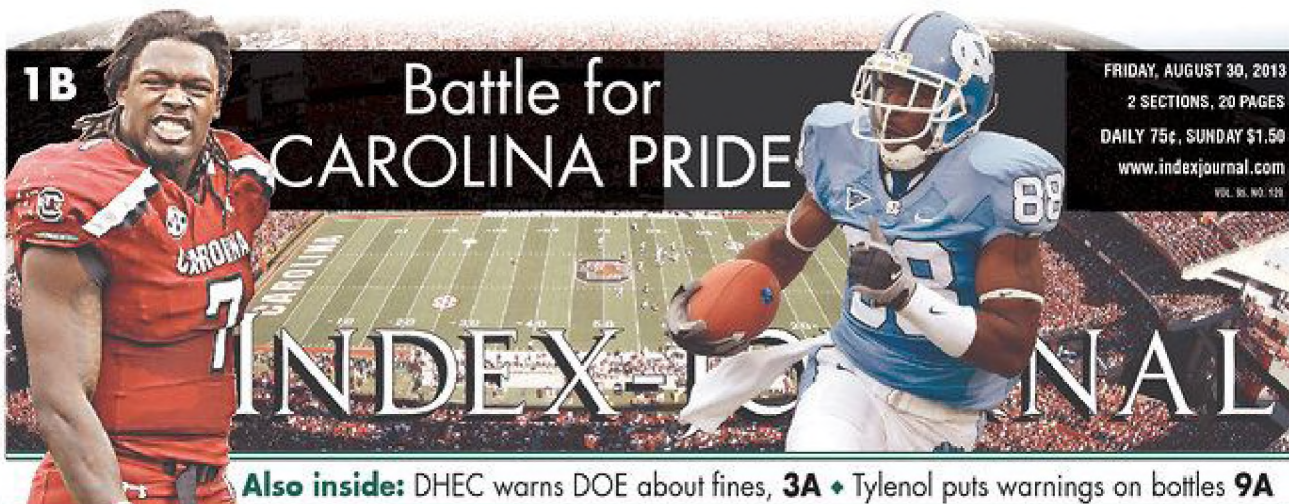
By MARYCLAIRE DALE
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The NFL agreed to pay more than three-quarters of a billion dollars to settle lawsuits from thousands of former players who developed dementia or other concussion-related health problems they say were caused by the very on-field violence that fueled the game's rise to popularity and profit.

The settlement, unprecedented in sports, was announced Thursday after two months of court-ordered mediation and is subject to approval by a federal judge. It came exactly a week before the first game of the 2013 season, removing a major legal and financial threat hanging over the sport for two years.

U.S. District Judge Anita B. Brody in Philadelphia is expected to rule on the settlement in two to three months but said it "holds the prospect of avoiding lengthy, expensive and uncertain litigation, and of enhancing the game of football."

More than 4,500 former players, some of them suffering from



Vandiver demoted

Longtime APD officer bumped to corporal after suspect escapes



RAYMOND VANDIVER

By MATT BRUCE
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A high-ranking Abbeville police officer was demoted following an incident earlier this month during which an arrested suspect escaped from custody for nearly an hour, according to records obtained this week by the Index-Journal.

Former Abbeville County sheriff candidate Raymond Vandiver, a 14-year veteran

of Abbeville's police force, was relegated to a patrolman in the wake of an Aug. 15 incident involving a convicted felon.

According to multiple reports from the Abbeville Police Department, officers escorted 31-year-old Kilo Marshall to his home at 114 Gip Edwards Road about 1:15 a.m. the morning of the incident to allow him to change his clothes and see his children before

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MARK HALL



KILO MARSHALL

GREENWOOD SCHOOLS

Dist. 50 to spend up to \$2M

School board OKs use of fund equity to restore services

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Instead of shrinking its programs, Greenwood School District 50 took a step in the opposite direction Thursday.

The board of trustees authorized the district to use up to \$2 million in fund equity to restore services cut in response to financial troubles.

The board unanimously approved the proposal during a called meeting Thursday afternoon at the district office. Trustees LeVerne Fuller and Curtis Hensley were not present.

The decision came at the end of the meeting, which chairman Shell Dula called last week so leaders could analyze Greenwood 50's lackluster Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) federal accountability ranking. In the

report released earlier this month, the district scored a "D."

Before making his proposal, Superintendent Darrell Johnson said it's time for the district to replace the services for at-risk students that were cut during the last few years.

"I think back to the past couple of years, and we've cut programs, we've cut staff, we've cut interventions, we've had restrictions on restrictions," he said.

The \$2 million originates from the district's reserve fund. The board previously authorized the district to use the money during the 2012-13 school year, but it went untouched, Johnson said

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MAKING THE CASE



Congressman Jeff Duncan holds up a national debt clock Thursday at a Citizens for Better Government of Greenwood County event.

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Duncan addresses health care, Syria, debt at update event

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Warrants, Syria, the Affordable Care Act — also known as Obamacare — the debt ceiling and more were on the agenda Thursday evening.

Third District U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan addressed a sizable crowd at American Legion Post 20 during a congressional update event hosted by the

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Tea Party Express chairwoman: Defund health care act



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30 YEARS IN PRISON FOR BACK-TO-BACK BANK ROBBERIES



Hilton Head Island resident David Edward Boyd arrives for his hearing Thursday in the Beaufort County Courthouse, where he pleaded guilty to robbing two banks in May — in Bluffton and on Hilton Head — and was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

SARAH WELLIVER • Staff photo

David Edward Boyd pleaded guilty to May robberies in Bluffton, on Hilton Head

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A Hilton Head Island man who robbed a bank in Bluffton in May, and a second on Hilton Head the next day, will spend up to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty Thursday.

David Edward Boyd, 51, entered guilty pleas to six charges, including two counts of entering a bank with intent to steal and two counts of making a bomb threat.

Authorities say Boyd robbed a Bank of America in Bluffton on May 1 after he told a teller he had a bomb.

The unidentified teller, who was nine months pregnant, handed more than \$1,200 to Boyd, who fled in a green Honda Civic, according to assistant solicitor Ben Shelton.

"I was a working man until two days before I was arrested."

David Edward Boyd, who pleaded guilty to two bank robberies

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Appeal tossed; case to go to trial

Preston Oates, who faces a manslaughter charge, claimed self-defense in the Christmas Eve 2010 death of Carlos Olivera.

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An appeal that has delayed the trial of a former Bluffton tow-truck driver accused of manslaughter has been dismissed, and his case can now go before a jury.

Preston Oates is accused of killing 34-year-old Carlos Olivera on Christmas Eve 2010 after a dispute erupted as Oates tried to put a boot on Olivera's van.

Oates' trial had been delayed as he appealed a ruling that he could not escape prosecution under the state's castle doctrine. That provision gives defendants immunity from prosecution if a judge rules they killed someone while defending themselves or others from intruders in their homes, workplaces or vehicles.

His appeal was tossed Aug. 21 by the S.C. Court of Appeals, the same day the state Supreme Court ruled that such appeals should not delay the start of prosecution. Those convicted could still appeal castle-doctrine rulings after their trials.

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FEDERAL TAXES

IRS: Gay couples now can file jointly

The decision poses questions on state tax returns and for couples who are in states that don't recognize their marriages.

By CURTIS TATE and KEVIN G. HALL
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — While Thursday's decision to allow married gay couples to file their federal taxes jointly in every state will ease the burden in many households, it creates new complications for couples who live in states that don't recognize their marriages.

'Route Nashville 65' movie on hold for financing

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Filming for a \$7.2 million movie about an aspiring country music singer remains on hold while a St. Helena Island producer says she is attempting to nail down \$2 million in financing.

In July, first-time producer Bar-

these (companies) commits," Terry said.

Neither company is local; both have been involved with similar projects before, she said.

"It's very easy to say no, and neither of them have," she said.

Terry says about \$5 million has been committed for the movie, but much of





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Quick strikes power
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WOMAN AIRLIFTED IN AFTERNOON WRECK



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Sumter firefighters remove a smashed windshield and cut the roof off a car that ran off the U.S. 76/378 bypass Thursday to remove the driver. An EMS responder in the back seat holds a sheet over the driver's head to protect her from falling glass and shards of metal.

Driver cut from car after crossing bypass railing

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A part of a major Sumter intersection was closed down Thursday after a car traveling on the bypass crossed over a railing and struck a tree.

Sumter County EMS, Sumter Fire Department and the S.C. Highway Patrol responded to a one-car wreck Thursday.

About 2:15 p.m., a 70-year-old woman was driving a 2005 Saturn four-door eastbound on U.S. 76/378 just before the bridge over North Main Street. She reportedly lost control of the vehicle, struck the guard rail and went down an embankment on the South Pike East side



First responders load the driver of a wrecked vehicle into an ambulance on South Pike East on Thursday afternoon. The woman's condition was unknown at press time.

of the highway, rolling over several times before striking a magnolia tree sideways.

"I heard a 'bam,' and then I look up, and I saw this car going down in there," said Charlie Gaymon, who witnessed the wreck from a gas station on the corner of Pike and Main. "I ran inside and told the lady to call 911, because

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Chase through Sumter ends in woman's arrest

Young grandchild was in car that reached about 100 mph

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A 41-year-old Sumter woman wanted by at least five law enforcement agencies on forgery and counterfeiting charges led police on a chase, at times reaching 100 miles per hour, throughout Sumter County on Thursday with her young grandchild in the car before being taken into custody.

The chase, which covered about 10 miles, began after police tried to stop a car running a light at the corner of Guignard Drive and Oakland Avenue.

Instead of stopping,

however, Sumter Police Department officials said Susie Loretta Thomas led them on a high-speed chase on roads that included McCrays Mill and Bethel Church before her car stopped in a driveway in the 5400 block of Bethel Church Road near Pine-wood.

Preliminary comments from law enforcement indicated the engine of the suspect's car, a red Oldsmobile Alero, might have given out, bringing the chase to an end.

No one was injured in the chase. However, as police approached the

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Officials will beef up patrols during holiday weekend

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Drivers on South Carolina's highways in Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties can expect to see increased South Carolina Highway Patrol activity, according to that agency.

Monday marks the final day of the patrol's 100 Deadly Days of Summer, a time between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends in which traffic fatalities significantly increase. On average, the state Department of Public Safety

'Impaired driving remains one of the greatest challenges we face in law enforcement. ... The threat of getting caught is very real.'

Col. Mike Oliver,

Lee native on Broadway with Cicely Tyson

BY RANDY BURNS
Special to The Item

BISHOPVILLE — A Bishopville High School graduate will have his name on the



of the play's run on Broadway, which is scheduled to end Oct. 9.

"It's just a great feeling," Brown said. "It hasn't sunk in yet. It really hasn't. You know



SEASON OPENER Gamecocks beat Tar Heels, 27-10, in lightning-delayed game. **Page 1D**

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Florence girl's craft project nets monster profits

Ten-year-old raises \$1K for Humane Society in two weeks

BY TRACI BRIDGES
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FLORENCE — It took 10-year-old Seaby McPherson just two weeks to raise \$1,000 for the Florence Area Humane Society.

Well, two weeks, yards of material, hundreds of buttons, many feet of yarn, loads of stuffing, some glue and a little help from her family.

That's what it takes to make hundreds of Rescue Monsters, and Seaby said

she was determined her project would make a difference at the Humane Society.

"I didn't know it would get so big. But I'm glad it did because now I can help the animals at the shelter even more," Seaby said just a few weeks after accidentally creating her first Rescue Monster.

Seaby originally set out to make her cousins a stuffed animal cat toy, but by the time she finished, the cat looked a little more like a silly monster than a cat. But

Seaby liked it — so much she decided she wanted to make more and sell them to benefit the Humane Society.

Each Rescue Monster is uniquely shaped. Some are tall. Some are short. Some have themes. A few are wider than others.

But what's most important is the message that comes attached with each creation:

"Rescue Monsters are not perfect. They are

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Seaby McPherson, 10, uses a hot glue gun to attach fur to a Rescue Monster on Aug. 14. Each Rescue Monster has its own personality and look. Seaby donates all her Rescue Monster proceeds to the Florence Area Humane Society.

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New day for NewSpring



REBECCA J. DUCKER/MORNING NEWS

Senior pastor Perry Noble presents a new capital campaign to the members of the Florence branch of NewSpring Church as he announced to Florence that the church has recently purchased 15 acres of land on North Cashua Drive next to the Florence Tennis Center. The stop in Florence Thursday was part of the Step Up campaign, a churchwide effort to bring 100,000 people in South Carolina to NewSpring.

Popular church to build on 15 acres on North Cashua Drive

BY REBECCA J. DUCKER
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FLORENCE — The heavens have shined on NewSpring Church as the 13-year-old

church announced it will be moving to new location during a service Thursday at the Florence Civic Center.

The new location was announced as part of the church's capital campaign, an effort to bring more than 100,000 people

in South Carolina to NewSpring and to raise more than \$100 million. Part of those funds will go toward the purchase of 15 acres of land on North Cashua Drive,

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US readies for possible solo action against Syria

British Parliament votes not to become involved

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Thursday prepared for the possibility of launching unilateral American military action against Syria within days as Britain opted out in a stunning vote by Parliament. Facing skepticism at home, too, the administration shared intelligence with lawmakers aimed at convincing them the Syrian government used chemical weapons against its people and must be punished.

Despite roadblocks in forming an international coalition, Obama appeared undeterred and advisers said he would be willing to retaliate against Syria on his own.

"The president of the United States is elected with the duty to protect the national security interests in the United States of America," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said.

Even before the vote in London, the U.S. was preparing to act without formal authorization from the United Nations, where Russia has blocked efforts to seek a resolution authorizing the use of force, or from Capitol Hill. But the U.S. had expected Britain, a major ally, to join in the effort.

Top U.S. officials spoke with certain lawmakers for more than 90 minutes in a teleconference Thursday evening

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Tea Party Express chairwoman visits Lowcountry

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — The Tea Party Express rolled into Charleston on Thursday, with the chairwoman urging U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham and other lawmakers to agree to a pledge opposing any federal

TEA PARTY EVENT

» **WHAT:** Tea Party Patriots of Florence meet-and-greet

» **WHO:** S.C. Sen. Lee Bright, challenger to U.S. Lindsey Graham

» **WHEN:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3

layed. "Why if it's not ready for prime time are you going to fund a bill that's not ready to be implemented?" she asked.

The Tea Party Express, which says it's the nation's largest Tea Party political action committee, has been



Anderson businessman Richard Cash (left), Tea Party Express Chairwoman Amy Kremer (center) and Nancy Mace, the first woman graduate of The Citadel, answer questions Thursday at a news conference.

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