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Chick FM's 'Moms in the Morning' is an exception to the radio shows heard on airwaves across the country. **Page 1F**

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WEATHER OUTLOOK



Scattered storms. High 90. Low 76. Complete 5-day forecast, **10B**



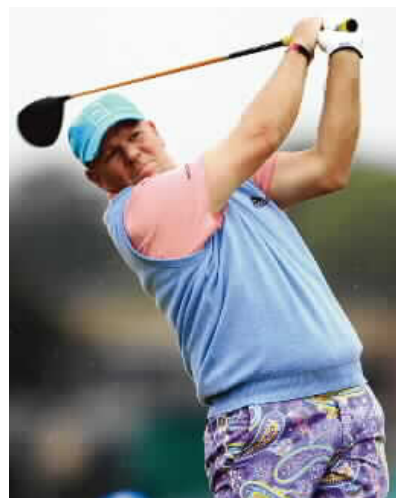
TV WEEK

"MINUTE TO WIN IT": NBC game show hosted by Food Network star Guy Fieri is back with new summer episodes. >> **Inside**



RIVERDOGS GIVEAWAY

GREENE 'ACTION' FIGURE: The minor league baseball team is combining a planned promotion featuring the proposed male Statute of Liberty and the Democratic U.S. Senate nominee. >> **2C**



BRITISH OPEN

FIRST-ROUND STUNNER: Rory McIlroy makes major championship history with a 9-under-par 63, while John Daly surprises the field with an outrageous pair of pants and an out-of-nowhere 66. >> **1C**

COLLEGE BASEBALL

CHAMPS LOSE COACH: South Carolina will have to defend its national championship without its pitching coach, as Mark Calvi leaves to become coach-in-waiting at South Alabama. >> **1C**

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Hope, and lots of 'ifs'

Oil flow gushing since April finally halted, but experts don't know if it will hold

BY COLLEEN LONG and HARRY R. WEBER
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The oil has stopped. For now. After 85 days and up to 184 million gallons, BP finally gained control over

one of America's biggest environmental catastrophes Thursday by placing a carefully fitted cap over a runaway geyser that has been gushing crude into the Gulf of Mexico since April.

Though a temporary fix, the accomplishment was greeted with hope, high expectations and, in many cases along

the beleaguered coastline, disbelief. From one Gulf Coast resident came this: "Hallelujah." And from another: "I got to see it to believe it."

If the cap holds, if the sea floor doesn't crack and if the relief wells being prepared are completed successfully, this could be the beginning

of the end for the spill. But that's a lot of ifs, and no one was declaring any sort of victory beyond the moment.

The oil stopped flowing at 3:25 p.m. when the last of three valves in the 75-ton cap was slowly throttled shut.

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Sharks swarming



ALAN HAWES/STAFF

John Taylor of Mount Pleasant pulled in this 14-inch shark while fishing Thursday from the Folly Beach Fishing Pier.

Packs of shrimp-seeking blacktips roaming off coast

BY BO PETERSEN
The Post and Courier

Don't look now, but they're out there. Sharks. A lot of them.

They're sneaking up behind shrimping nets in swarms, biting head-size holes in the nets to chomp away on the free lunch of shining, silvery crustaceans. Shrimpers up and down the coast are reporting a slew of them, particularly good-size blacktip sharks, which can grow to 6 feet long. They're so thick that sport-fishing boats are following the shrimp

boats around to get their clients a catch, said Shem Creek shrimper Wayne Magwood.

"They're the worst I've seen it in my 50 years of shrimping," Magwood said. "They're just eating the nets all apart."

Meanwhile, pier anglers all along the coast say blacktips are so prevalent that it's sometimes tough to catch anything else, said Mel Bell, S.C. Natural Resources Department fisheries management director.

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Safety tips

- ▶ Swim in groups.
- ▶ Stay relatively close to shore.
- ▶ Don't swim at dawn, dusk or night.
- ▶ Don't swim while bleeding or wearing shiny objects.
- ▶ Don't swim near bait fish or diving sea birds.
- ▶ Don't assume the presence of dolphins indicates the absence of sharks.

— International Shark Attack File at the University of Florida

Son killed following discovery, mom says

Horton reportedly saw boss having sex with male sailor

BY ANDY PARAS
The Post and Courier

James Alan Horton was beaten, sexually assaulted and shot to death in 1992 after he caught his superior aboard a Navy minesweeper having sex with another male sailor, his mother said Thursday.

Rosaline Horton said investigators told her that from Day 1 they have been working under the theory that her 22-year-old son's discovery was connected to his death, and that Thomas Solheim, his superior aboard the Exultant, was the lead suspect.

Solheim, 53, was arrested this week. He is one of two men charged with Horton's murder.

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Horton

Senate passes sweeping financial bill

Obama expected to sign legislation by next week

BY JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress on Thursday passed the stiffest restrictions on banks and Wall Street since the Great Depression, clamping down on lending practices and expanding consumer protections to prevent a repeat of the 2008 meltdown that knocked the economy to its knees.

A year in the making and 22 months after the collapse of Lehman Brothers triggered a worldwide panic in credit and other markets, the bill cleared its final hurdle with a 60-39 Senate vote. It now goes to the White House for President Barack Obama's signature, expected as early as Wednesday. The law will give the government new

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