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## Debt talks bring bitter debate, no agreement

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WASHINGTON — With the deadline for a debt limit increase inching perilously closer, Congress remained deadlocked Saturday over how to avoid a crisis as both houses spent the day publicly mired in often tart, even defiant partisan votes and rhetoric.

Privately, the White House was talking to leaders of both parties — but those leaders had sharply different views about the outlook.

### MORE INSIDE

- Sen. Jim DeMint stresses threat of debt over the debt ceiling. 4A
- Would a balanced budget amendment really help? 10A

“The process has not been moved forward during this day,” said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, after he and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., met with President

Barack Obama for nearly 90 minutes. But House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio said he was “confident that we’re going to be able to come to some agreement with the White House and end this impasse.”

And Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell said he spoke to Obama and Vice President Joe Biden on Saturday afternoon, and added that “we are now fully engaged, the speaker and I,” with Obama.

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## Voter disgust with Washington soars

By BEN FELLER  
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WASHINGTON — There is no changing how Washington works. It doesn’t.

Even if a bitterly divided Congress and President Barack Obama avoid a U.S. debt default by striking a last-second deal, as all sides expect, plenty of damage has been done.

People are disgusted. Confidence in

### ANALYSIS

the political system is tanking. Nothing else is getting done in Washington. The markets are spooked. The United States’ global reputation has slipped.

And the real kicker? This whole wrenching effort to shrink the debt might actually increase the debt.

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### EXTREME SAVINGS

## Coupon devotees stretch budgets

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Joanna Huddleston might have eight bottles of salad dressing, eight or 10 packages of hot chocolate, 12 boxes of cereal and 18 brownie mixes at her house, but she got it all at steep discounts.

And, she vows, her family will eat every bit of it before it goes bad.

She often feeds the family — herself, her husband, a 2-year-old and a 9-year-old who spends about half his time at the couple’s Laurel Bay home — for less than \$200 a month.

That figure includes what she spends on necessities such as paper towels and toilet paper.

Her secret: Coupons.

Although coupons have been around for years, users and observers say a growing number of local residents, perhaps driven by the economic downturn and the TLC show “Extreme Couponing,” are gathering online and in-person to share tips, exchange extras and save staggering sums of money.

Savvy shoppers can score certain items for next to nothing — or nothing — by combining sale prices with coupons and the rewards that stores offer to spur purchases.

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Joanna Huddleston, shown at her Laurel Bay home, displays the tools she uses to save money. Huddleston scours newspapers, magazines and websites for bargains.

## Savannah besieged, but Beaufort County remains WEST NILE-FREE



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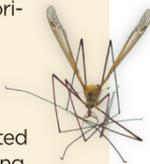
Elizabeth Hager, a biologist with Beaufort County Mosquito Control, tests mosquito samples for the West Nile virus in a biological safety cabinet Wednesday afternoon.

### WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Symptoms of West Nile virus range from mild cases with flu-like symptoms to rare cases that include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, muscle weakness and disorientation or paralysis.

### STAY PROTECTED

Residents can stay protected from mosquitoes by wearing protective clothing, using repellent and clearing property of standing water.



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While nearby Chatham County, Ga., is discovering West Nile virus in a record number of mosquitoes — and possibly one human — Beaufort County has yet to record a single positive test.

In fact, tests in mosquitoes, birds, horses and humans haven’t detected the virus throughout the state, said entomologist Chris Evans of the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control’s Bureau of Laboratories.

Meanwhile, Chatham County Mosquito Control has collected 78 positive samples at six testing sites throughout Savannah’s urban area, department director Henry Lewandowski said.

That’s more than the record of 67 set in 2003 during the entire season, which runs from late June to October. Nine people in Chatham County had the virus that year, and one died from it.

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## History, art among Sept. 11 casualties

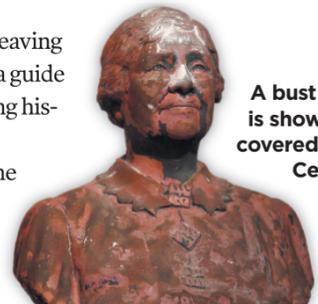
The Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks destroyed more than lives. Tens of thousands of records, irreplaceable historical documents and art also were lost the day the twin towers of the World Trade Center

— home to 21 libraries and more than 430 companies — were struck and collapsed.

A decade later, dozens of agencies and archivists say they’re still not completely sure what they lost — or what’s

already been found — leaving them without much of a guide to piece together missing history.

To read more about the lost artifacts, please see this story on 7A.



A bust of Helen Keller is shown scorched and covered in World Trade Center dust.

The Associated Press

### DEATHS, 4A

Edward Conway Jr., 85  
Lottie Jordan-Brown, 70  
Carrie Harversat, 75  
Travis Holmes, 28

Thelma Ladson, 71  
Maureen O’Hearn, 84  
Eddie Ownby, 67  
Florence Sunder, 95



### INSIDE TODAY’S GAZETTE

Lewis Lanman never thought ‘the little girl who tagged along’ would be his wife of 65 years. 1C

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The evil of the world is made possible by nothing but the sanction you give it.” Ayn Rand

