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## Rep. Scott calls for flight ban, criticizes Obama

By Joe Kirby  
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**SMYRNA** — Democratic U.S. Congressman David Scott of Atlanta was sharply critical of President Obama's handling of the threat posed by the Ebola virus Tuesday and called on a ban on flights from the afflicted countries in Africa.

"I have a difference on this with my president. I can't for the life of me understand why we

don't have a ban on flights to that part of Africa," Scott said during a noontime speech to about 40 businesspeople at the Smyrna Rotary Club. "You've got an example already of someone who came into this country with the virus. How many more? That has to stop. We don't need to ban the flights permanently, just until we get our arms around the situation.

"We have to ban those flights. There's no question about it. We've got to protect the American



David Scott



President Obama

people from this disease. It's not here — or it was not here — and

the president said a week or two ago 'We don't know of any case' where it would be here. And now it's here, and it's already killed somebody."

U.S. Rep. Tom Price (R-Roswell) had a differing view when he addressed the Cobb GOP on Oct. 4.

"This is real. The disease is real. The challenge to the world is real. But some of the ideas about how to combat this are naive and not helpful," Price said. "I don't

believe that stopping flights from western Africa is a reasonable plan. The world is very small."

Scott said Tuesday the administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are also erring in trying to get "every hospital in America" ready to fight those who might become infected with Ebola, said Scott, whose district includes all of south Cobb and parts of Marietta.

SCOTT, 6A

LASSITER | WARRANT OUT

## Police: Man threatened school in a video post

Warrant says Atlanta resident wore tactical vest, had knife, guns

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**MARIETTA** — An Atlanta man has a warrant out for his arrest after reportedly posting an online video of himself Thursday threatening Lassiter High School.

The next day, Cobb police charged Bridger Maxwell Carreau with making terroristic threats, a felony. Carreau has not been arrested as of Tuesday evening, according to jail records.

Carreau's video on Facebook

reached Lassiter students last week, said Angela Huff, the school district's chief of staff.

"The Cobb County School District is thankful for the students who brought this matter to the attention of school administrators. In our efforts to remain vigilant and keep our schools safe, students are our eyes and ears," Huff said.

The video showed Carreau in a tactical vest "with a large knife, hand gun, and a long gun," according to the warrant.

The text above the video stated: "Ladies and gentlemen, in honor of my return I give you a Bridgerama Classic performed by yours truly.

It is critical that (students) report potential security threats, including information they may see online, to authorities, including school administrators.

— Angela Huff,  
Cobb County School District  
chief of staff

POST, 6A

COBB | SPLOST

## 'Wasteful' vs. 'fabulous'



Left: Lance Lamberton, chairman of the Cobb Taxpayers Association, explains his anti-SPLOST position to attendees of a SPLOST debate Tuesday evening at the South Cobb Community Center. Right: Justin O'Dell, co-chairman of the advocacy group Secure Cobb's Future, explains his pro-SPLOST position to the audience. / Staff-Kelly J. Huff

Group chairs spar during first debate over tax in front of sparse crowd

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**MARIETTA** — An upgrade to the police and fire departments' radio system is exactly the type of SPLOST-funded project that causes arguments.

Groups in favor and opposed to the proposed 2016 special purpose local option sales tax made those arguments against each other Tuesday, kicking off the first debate about a tax voters will consider Nov. 4.

The tax is a six-year extension of the 1 percent sales tax set to expire Dec. 31, 2015.

Lance Lamberton, of Austell, chairman of an anti-SPLOST group known as the Cobb Taxpayers Association, said some items on the list to be paid for by the SPLOST are wasteful "fluff projects" that are "wants, not needs" for the county.

"Another problem with the SPLOST is that there is so much wasteful, counterproductive spending in it," Lamberton said at the debate.

Justin O'Dell, a Marietta attorney and co-chair of the SPLOST advocacy group known as Secure Cobb's Future, said residents need to trust the county and its public safety director, Sam Heaton, to know what is needed.

"There's talk of fluff and talk of things like that and somebody says ... 'Why do you need all those radios, Sam Heaton?' Well, I'll tell you what, when that fellow



Jolie Elder of Mableton, a self-proclaimed 'fence sitter' when it comes to her vote on the issue of the 2016 SPLOST, set to go before voters next month, takes in information at the debate. Elder was among about 35 people who attended the debate, which was sponsored by the Mableton Improvement Coalition.

started shooting in at the FedEx center off (Old Highway 41), the parents of those employees were glad those radios were working, and they hope they work the next time," O'Dell said.

The replacement of the radio system for county police and fire employees and

a new siren system will cost \$14 million, Heaton said.

The debate about the proposed 2016 SPLOST, which is expected to raise \$750 million, began in front of a flat crowd Tuesday evening.

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AP | ISLAMIC STATE



Mourners lower the coffin with the body of Mizgin Culbakge, a female Kurdish fighter, killed in the fighting with the militants of the Islamic State group in Kobani, Syria, during the funeral of four female fighters at a cemetery in Suruc, on the Turkey-Syria border, on Tuesday. Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab, and its surrounding areas, has been under assault by extremists of the Islamic State group since mid-September and is being defended by Kurdish fighters. / AP

# Turkish strikes against Kurds complicate fight

WASHINGTON — In a fresh test for U.S. coalition-building efforts, Turkey is launching airstrikes against Kurdish rebels inside its borders this week despite pleas from the Obama administration to instead focus on an international campaign to destroy Islamic State militants wreaking havoc in the region.

Media reports about the Turkish strikes surfaced Tuesday as President Barack Obama and military chiefs gathered in Washington in a show of unity against the Islamic State group.

"This is an operation that involves the world against ISIL," Obama declared, referring to the militant group by one of its many names.

The Turkish airstrikes occurred Monday and marked the country's first major strikes against Kurdish rebels on its own soil since peace talks began two years ago. The strikes came amid anger among the Kurds in Turkey, who accuse the government there of standing by while Syrian Kurds are being killed by Islamic State militants in the besieged Syrian border town of Kobani.

The Islamic State militants also have targeted Kurds in Iraq, who have to some extent been able to hold off their advances.

The U.S. has been pressing Turkey — a NATO ally — to take a more active role in the campaign to destroy the Islamic State group, but the Turks have said they won't join the fight unless the U.S.-led coalition also targets Syrian President Bashar Assad's

government. The Obama administration sees those as separate fights and has no appetite to go to war against Assad.

Officials from Ankara participated in Tuesday's meeting at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Earlier Tuesday, the U.S.-led coalition stepped up attacks on Islamic State targets in Kobani, launching 21 airstrikes in and around the town. One of the strikes targeted the Tel Shair hill that overlooks parts of the city, according to Idriss Nassan, deputy head of Kobani's foreign relations committee.

Nassan said Kurdish fighters later captured the hill and brought down the black flag of the Islamic State group. However, the extremist group still controls more than a third of the predominantly Kurdish town.

While the White House has tried to point out progress in the campaign against the militants, the government is also preparing the American public for a military effort that could extend well beyond Obama's presidency. Officials acknowledged Tuesday the airstrikes in Kobani may not be enough to prevent a militant takeover, given the lack of an effective fighting force on the ground.

"We certainly do not want the town to fall," White House spokesman

Josh Earnest said. "At the same time, our capacity to prevent that town from falling is limited by the fact that air strikes can only do so much."

Syrian Kurds have been begging the international community for heavy weapons to help bolster their defense of Kobani. They've also called for Turkey to open the border to allow members of the Kurdish militia in northwestern Syria — known as the People's Protection Units, or YPG — to travel through Turkish territory to reinforce the city.

AP | EBOLA IN AMERICA

# CDC acknowledges it could have done more

FORT WORTH, Texas — The nation's top-disease fighting agency acknowledged Tuesday an American nurse might not have been infected with Ebola if a special response team had been sent to Dallas immediately after a Liberian man there was diagnosed with Ebola.

The stark admission from the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention came as the World Health Organization projected the pace of infections accelerating in West Africa — to as many as 10,000 new cases a week within two months.

Agency Director Tom Frieden outlined a series of steps designed to stop the spread of the disease in the U.S., including increased training for health care workers and changes at the Texas hospital where the virus was diagnosed to minimize the risk of more infections.

The announcement of the effort came after top health officials repeatedly assured the public over the last two weeks that they were doing everything possible to control the outbreak by deploying infectious-disease specialists to the hospital where a Liberian man was diagnosed with Ebola and later died.

"I wish we had put a team like this on the ground the day the patient — the first patient — was diagnosed. That might have prevented this infection. But

we will do that from today onward with any case anywhere in the U.S.," Frieden said.

Frieden described the new response team as having some of the world's leading experts in how to care for Ebola and protect health care workers. They planned to review everything from how the isolation room is physically laid out, to what protective equipment health workers use, to waste management and decontamination.

In Europe, the WHO said the death rate in the outbreak has risen to 70 percent as it has killed nearly 4,500 people, most of them in West Africa. The previous mortality rate was about 50 percent.

President Barack Obama, speaking at the end of a meeting with U.S. and allied military leaders, declared that "the world is not doing enough" to fight Ebola.

Nina Pham became the first person to contract the disease on U.S. soil as she cared for Thomas Eric Duncan. Pham released a statement Tuesday through Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital saying she is "doing well," and the hospital listed her in good con-

dition. The hospital CEO said medical staff members remain hopeful about her condition.

The 26-year-old nurse had been in the Liberian man's room often, from the day he was placed in intensive care until the day before he died last week.

"I'm doing well and want to thank everyone for their kind wishes and prayers," she said.

Pham's parents live in Fort Worth, where they are part of a close-knit, deeply religious community of Vietnamese Catholics. Members of their church held a special Mass for her Monday. At the hospital, she received a plasma transfusion from a doctor who beat the virus.

She and other health care workers wore protective gear, including gowns, gloves, masks and face shields — and sometimes full-body suits — when caring for Duncan.

Among the changes announced Tuesday by Frieden was a plan to limit the number of health care workers who care for Ebola patients so they "can become more familiar and more systematic in how they put on and take off protective equipment, and they can become more comfortable in a healthy way with providing care in the isolation unit."



Tom Frieden

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