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Jobless bill clears hurdle in bipartisan surprise

DAVID ESPO
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Election-year legislation to revive expired federal jobless benefits unexpectedly cleared an early hurdle on Tues-

day, offering a hint of bipartisan compromise in Congress and a glimmer of hope to the long-term jobless and their families.

“Let’s get this done,” implored President

Barack Obama at the White House, shortly after six Republicans sided with Democrats on a 60-37 Senate vote to keep the measure alive.

Even so, the fate of the three-month reinstatement

remained uncertain in an atmosphere of intense partisanship at the dawn of an election year.

The two parties have made it clear they intend to battle for the support

of millions of voters who have suffered economically through the worst recession in decades and the slow, plodding recovery that has followed.

The often-cited phrase is “income disparity”

— the gap between the rich and the economically squeezed. Democrats are expected to follow the effort on jobless benefits with another pocketbook measure, a

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Workers build houses in Groveland on Friday. New homeowners in South Lake will see impact fees of \$3,194.

Impact fees to be reinstated

Officials: South Lake growth spurt has big effect on roads

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With continued growth projected in South Lake in the coming years, there are numerous projects scheduled to improve road capacity and spur economic development in the area.

County officials said the reinstatement of transportation impact fees on Monday will help the projects come to completion in the next five to seven years.

“Five years ago, we thought we would be done with Hancock Road and Hartwood Marsh Road (in Clermont),” said T.J. Fish, executive director of the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Organization, referring to the year before the impact fees were suspended. “It did cost us some time, but now that the revenue source was reinstated, I am optimistic the projects will be catalyzed.”

Impact fees are “payments required by local governments of new development for the purpose of providing new or expanded public capital facilities required to serve that development,” according to the American Planning Association.

In 2010, the county suspended

COUNTY IMPACT FEE COMPARISON

SOUTH LAKE	\$3,194*
OSCEOLA	SUSPENDED
MARION	SUSPENDED
VOLUSIA	\$724**
SEMINOLE	\$1,025**
SUMTER	\$2,600**
ORANGE	\$2,924**
POLK	\$4,895**

* Single-family home more than 2,500 square feet.
** Single-family home at least 10,000 square feet valued at more than \$200,000.

“We have got to get the fly wheel going somehow. It will help catalyze infrastructure work without taxing the residents that are already here.”

Sean Parks
Lake County Commissioner

ed impact fees because of the economic downturn.

With most of the residential growth — and impact to roads — in Lake County happening in South Lake, the reinstated fee will be larger there: \$3,194 for a single family home with more than 2,500 square feet, compared with \$590 for the same home elsewhere in the county.

While county officials say impact fees are vital for infrastructure projects, they also note that capital projects should be funded by a portfolio of options such as the penny sales tax and gas tax collections. Impact fees are the sole source of funding for capital projects at this time.

Meanwhile, members of the local home builders association said that impact fees will hurt the housing market.

Academic studies on impact fees are mixed with regard to market effects, but at the same time, research shows impact fees are critical for building infrastructure and sustaining growth.

Commissioner Sean Parks said the reinstatement of impact fees is going to help “with infrastructure, which is critical to economic development.”

“We have got to get the fly wheel going somehow,” he said. “It will help catalyze infrastructure work without taxing the residents that are already here.”

In particular, Parks said the impact fees will help with key road projects around Clermont and Minneola such as North Hancock Road, Hartwood Marsh Road, Hook Street and Hartle Road.

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FRUITLAND PARK

Busy times for new city manager

STEVE FUSSELL
Special to The Daily Commercial

When Gary La Venia showed up half an hour early to start his new job as Fruitland Park’s City Manager on Monday morning, a job search that began more than a year ago, he found city staffers waiting for him with file folders in their hands.

By late afternoon La Venia, 59, had collected a “to do” list of more than two dozen tasks, most of them immediate, critical and complex.

In between meetings, he organized his office, set up a filing system and reviewed the agenda for Thursday evening’s commission meeting. For lunch he toured the city with Police Chief Terry Isaacs.

At the end of the day, the veteran public service administrator, who holds a master’s degree from Rutgers University, still appeared fresh and enthusiastic as he waited for his first official meeting with Mayor Chris Bell.

“This is why I chose this career,” La Venia

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LA VENIA

Study: Smoking laws have saved millions

LINDSEY TANNER
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Anti-smoking measures have saved roughly 8 million U.S. lives since a landmark 1964 report linking smoking and disease, a study estimates, yet the nation’s top disease detective says dozens of other countries do a better job on sever-

al efforts to cut tobacco use.

The study and comments were published online Tuesday in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. This week’s issue commemorates the 50th anniversary of the surgeon general report credited with raising alarms about

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TODD MIZENER / THE DISPATCH

A pedestrian’s breath and cigarette smoke leave a contrail as he walks in downtown Moline, Ill. on Monday.

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SMOKING

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the dangers of smoking.

In one study, researchers used national health surveys and death rates to calculate how many deaths might have occurred since 1964 if Americans' smoking habits and related deaths had continued at a pace in place before the report.

More than 42 percent of U.S. adults smoked in years preceding the report; that rate has dropped to about 18 percent.

The researchers say their calculation — 8 million deaths — equals lives saved thanks to anti-smoking efforts.

Their report also says tobacco controls have contributed sub-

stantially to increases in U.S. life expectancy. For example, life expectancy for 40-year-olds has increased by more than five years since 1964; tobacco control accounts for about 30 percent of that gain, the report says.

The conclusions are just estimates, not hard evidence, but lead author Theodore Holford, a biostatistics professor at Yale University's school of public health, said the numbers "are pretty striking."

Yet smoking remains a stubborn problem and heart disease, cancer, lung ailments and stroke — all often linked with smoking — are the nation's top four leading causes of death.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control says about 443,000 Americans still die prematurely each

year from smoking-related causes.

"Tobacco is, quite simply, in a league of its own in terms of the sheer numbers and varieties of ways it kills and maims people," Dr. Thomas Frieden, the CDC's director, wrote in a *JAMA* commentary.

Frieden said the United States lags behind many other countries in adopting measures proven to reduce tobacco use, including graphic health warning labels on cigarettes, high tobacco taxes and widespread bans on tobacco advertising.

"Images of smoking in movies, television and on the Internet remain common; and cigarettes continue to be far too affordable in nearly all parts of the country," Frieden wrote.

HOROSCOPES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014:

This year you will be authoritative when you need to be. People listen to you. You also will follow through on any project or job that appeals to you. Since you tend to go to extremes, you might act out in a relationship, especially if you are attached. Your significant other has the gift of flexibility. Praise him or her for that quality. If you are single, what appeals to you today might not be so desirable tomorrow. Listen to your yearnings, with the exception of a long-term commitment. TAURUS is as grounded as you are, but he or she is more stubborn!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You could be shocked by what goes down, especially after you hear from someone who knows the background of the events. Your fuse might be short because you view the situation as unnecessary. Evaluate what is happening.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Observe what is going on behind the scenes. You might be surprised by how someone can say few words yet still reveal what is happening. Your sense of humor emerges later in the day, once you get some errands and/or work done.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Others seem to be acting independently and not in unison with a project. Keeping everyone on the same page will be challenging. Suggest a meeting for a discussion on this matter. If this issue does not dissolve, you are likely to vanish.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take praise as it is intended to be received. Your energy is very high, so be sure to expend it appropriately; otherwise, you could become snappy and difficult. Meanwhile, go dancing at a favorite place or find your friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. You might want to get more facts before coming to a final conclusion about an evolving decision. You will shed light on the situation, which could help others understand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll want to get more information about an important situation. You might ask a question that draws out a money issue. An opportunity could become obvious in a meeting. Don't hesitate, or you could lose this opportunity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You might have a lot to say, but getting in a word with others, as animated as they are, could be difficult. Instead, go off and handle a responsibility that you are only too happy to take care of. Be happy to be away from the chaos.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Pace yourself, as you seem to have a lot to do. You might want to keep an even pace, but an important discussion demands your time. Know when to let go of rigidity. Step back and allow yourself to see the big picture. You can't dictate every moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Let your creativity help a situation involving your finances. You might want to reach out for more feedback. As a result, you could decide that a different course would be better. Way to not let your ego get involved!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Think in terms of what needs to happen and what will happen if you let someone run over your more grounded ideas. You could experience disappointment at not being understood, but the smart move would be to try a different approach.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Keep reaching out to someone with whom you chat often. This person's opinion means a lot to you, as he or she offers a different perspective. You will get interesting feedback. Others often are amazed by how easily the two of you can see eye to eye.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Communication flourishes later in the day, but know that a friend could dump his or her frustration on you. It serves you to say little, as this person will recognize on his or her own that he or she was being a bit outrageous.

FEES

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Parks said there is a common misconception about impact fees.

"There is a common misperception that impact fees can be used to pay for operational costs such as teachers, school books or new county employees," he said. "It can only be used for brick and mortar."

Hancock Road will be extended in Clermont north through Minneola and continue past the proposed Turnpike interchange at an intersection with County Road 561A.

The North Hancock Road Extension and the proposed turnpike interchange within the city of Minneola have been discussed and planned for at least 10 years, according to county officials.

Fish said Hartwood Marsh Road is a vital project, which would be widened from two lanes to four lanes to the Charter School, but not all the way to the Orange County line.

"We actually got a grant for Hartwood Marsh four years ago, but Lake County did not have the funds to match the grant, so they moved it to another project."

Fish said Hartwood Marsh is the only paved road between State Road 50 and US 192 that provides access to Lake and Orange counties.

The traffic has increased substantially on the road, he said.

"That connectivity to the beltway has caused a lot of traffic using Hartwood Marsh," he said. "When we first looked at Hartwood Marsh, it had 4,000 cars a day and now there are 12,000."

Fred Schneider, engineer for the county's department of public works, said impact fees are "vital to road projects."

"The projects we have going forward would probably not go forward if we did not have the previous impact fees to spend."

But Carolyn Maimone, executive director of the Home Builders Association of Lake and Sumter counties, is not in favor of the impact fee reinstatement.

"They do have a negative impact on the building industry," she said. "New homes have a harder time competing with existing homes that are equal now because now you have inflated the value of the house by \$15,000 to \$20,000. That amount is not going to be part of the appraisal. Now they are going to be competing with foreclosures and short sells."

However, Maimone said she applauded the commission for delay-

ing when impact fees are collected to when construction is completed, as opposed to when the building permit is pulled.

"It makes it a little more palatable" she said.

Stephanie Pagan, industry media relations manager for the National Association of Home Builders, said the association did not have statistics on impact fees and its effect on the housing market.

However, she forwarded an article NAHB wrote titled, "Economic Implications of Impact Fees."

The paper states that the implications of the impact fee passed on to the buyer has "an adverse effect on housing affordability"

"A reduction in housing affordability will have a negative effect on attracting and retaining workers and will have a direct impact on local governments as police officers, firefighters, teachers and other public sector workers are heavily impacted when home prices rise," the article stated.

The article goes on to state that the "increase in the price of the home will create housing affordability issues by reducing consumption of housing in addition to increasing prices for the housing buyers do consume."

Even so, The Brookings Institution, in an article titled "Paying for Prosperity: Impact Fees and Job Growth," concluded that impact fees "offer a more efficient way to pay for infrastructure than general taxes and ensure benefits to those who pay for them"

The authors of the paper, Arthur Nelson and Mitch Moody, further argue that "property tax revenues increasingly fail to cover the full costs of the infrastructure needed to serve new development."

Nelson and Moody state: "In short, impact fees can directly fund vital infrastructure improvements while increasing the supply of buildable land, improving predictability in the development process and indirectly promoting local employment at the same time."

Commissioner Tim Sullivan said the impact fees are needed now at a time when you have a large project such as the Minneola Turnpike Interchange.

Nonetheless, Commission Chairman Jimmy Conner said he is going to monitor impact fees "closely to make sure they are not having an adverse effect on our growth."

"We have an opportunity for the turnpike extension in Minneola," he said. "We have to pay for

BRIDGE

Tiny Strokes Fell Great Oaks

South dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ K Q
♥ 8 3
♦ 6 5 4 2
♣ A 7 5 3 2

WEST
♠ 8 7 5 2
♥ A 9 5 4
♦ Q J 10 8 7
♣ —

EAST
♠ 9 6 3
♥ Q J 10 6 2
♦ K
♣ J 10 8 4

SOUTH
♦ A J 10 4
♥ K 7
♦ A 9 3
♣ K Q 9 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

Assume you're declarer in three notrump and West leads the king of diamonds. East plays the king, which you can't afford to duck, so you take the king with the ace.

It's easy to go wrong at this point. Suppose you play the king of clubs at trick two, which seems the normal thing to do. If you did that, you'd go down regardless of how you continued. East's J-10-8-4 of clubs would stop you from making the contract.

Unlucky, you might say to your-

self. However, if you gave the matter more serious thought, you'd realize that you should have made three notrump. All you had to do was to lead the six of clubs to the ace at trick two, and you would have made four club tricks instead of three to wrap up the contract. (You can't make five club tricks against best defense because the spades and clubs will become blocked.)

The reason leading the six to the ace is the right play is because it enables you to score four tricks in the suit without losing the lead if East started with all four clubs, while the same is not true no matter how you initiate the suit if West started with four clubs.

You could argue that the chance of East being dealt all four missing clubs is too remote to be considered. But if that's the way you play the game, there will be many occasions where you do not do as well as you should have.

The indisputable fact is that it can't cost you the contract to play the six of clubs to the ace first, but it might cost you the contract to play the king first. Since there's a possibility — however small — that the king play might do you in, while no harm can come from the six play, you should lead the six at trick two.

Tomorrow: A deducible deduction.

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TUESDAY

CASH 32-2-8

Afternoon.....3-9-4

PLAY 41-6-3-8

Afternoon.....8-7-6-0

MONDAY

FANTASY 53-7-9-18-26

2 of 5 wins free ticket

3 of 5 wins \$7.50

4 of 5 wins \$70.50

5 of 5 wins \$55,221.77

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Area Briefs

EUSTIS

'Healthy Happy New Year' fair set for today

Start the New Year off right by attending the "Healthy Happy New Year" Community Health Fair offering a number of related vendors and organizations to provide you with health information and wellness tools to make 2014 a truly happy and healthy year.

Blood pressure checks by nursing students from Lake Technical Center will be offered free of charge, and some of the health organizations will have free giveaways for guests.

The health fair takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., today at Palmetto Plaza, 200 Palmetto St., in Eustis.

For information, call 352-483-5460.

MINNEOLA

Citrus information and demonstration at the library

Jeannie Lowe of Lowe's Groves will present a program with samples of many different kinds of citrus as well as suggestions and recipes for the use of many of them at this event, at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Minneola Schoolhouse Library, Minneola.

If you have a favorite citrus recipe and you're willing to share it, bring it with you. And to get in the citrus spirit guests can wear yellow, orange or green.

For information, call the library at 352-432-3967.

WILDWOOD

Family Care Council meeting to discuss disabilities

The Area 13 Family Care Council will meet from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday at the Wildwood Agency for Persons with Disabilities office, 1601 W. Gulf Atlantic Highway (State Road 44) in Wildwood.

People interested in learning more about developmental disabilities are encouraged to attend, and the group is seeking new members.

Area 13 covers Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter counties, with 15 Family Care Councils across the state, with Governor appointed volunteer members who are individuals with a developmental disability or are a family member.

Developmental disabilities are defined as autism, cerebral palsy, Downs syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, spina bifida and intellectual disabilities.

For information, call Betty Kay Clements at 352-753-1163 or isabelfcc13@yahoo.com.

LEESBURG

LRMC Auxiliary to host masquerade jewelry fundraiser

Leesburg Regional Hospital Auxiliary will host a masquerade jewelry and accessories fundraiser sale for the Auxiliary from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday at the hospital, Dixie Ave., in Leesburg.

Purchases can be made by credit card, cash or payroll deduction and all funds raised benefit the Auxiliary.

Call Korky Saunders at 352-750-2062 for information.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE COLLINGS FOUNDATION

A Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress "Nine O Nine" will be one of three vintage aircraft coming to Leesburg International Airport Jan. 17-19 as part of the national Wings of Freedom tour.

LEESBURG

Warbirds to fly into town

Staff Report

The national Wings of Freedom tour, the world's most extensive WWII aircraft tour, will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2014 with the first of 110 planned stops this year scheduled Jan. 17-19 at Leesburg International Airport.

"This is a rare opportunity to visit, explore, and learn more about these unique and rare treasures of aviation history," tour spokesman Hunter Chaney said of the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, Consolidated B-24 Liberator and North American P-51 Mustang that will be landing at the airport.

The tour is put on by the Collings Foundation, a non-profit educational foundation devoted to organizing "living history" events that allows people to learn more about their heritage and

history through direct participation.

Visitors can explore the aircraft inside and out for the cost of \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under 12 and no cost for WWII veterans. Discount rates are available for school groups.

For an even better experience, flights are available on all three planes: \$450 for a 30-minute flight aboard either the B-17 or B-24, and \$2,200 for 30 minutes or \$3,200 for a full hour aboard the P-51. For reservations and information on flight experiences, call 800-568-8924.

The planes will arrive at the airport at 2 p.m. on Jan. 17 and will be on display at the north end of main ramp until 5 p.m. on Jan. 19. Tours will be available from 2 to 5 p.m. on Jan. 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 18 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 19. The flight experiences are normally scheduled be-

fore and after the ground tour times.

The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress "Nine O Nine" is one of only eight in flying condition in the United States, Chaney said, with the other two aircraft considered rare as well.

"The B-17 and B-24 were the backbone of the American effort during the war from 1942 to 1945, and were famous for their ability to sustain damage and still accomplish the mission," he said.

But once the conflict was over, the planes' days were numbered.

"After the war, many aircraft were scrapped for their raw aluminum to rebuild a nation in post-war prosperity and therefore very few were spared," Chaney said.

For more information, email Chaney at hchaney@collingsfoundation.org or call 800-568-8924.

Seeking warmth, manatees pack waters around wildlife refuge

Associated Press

CRYSTAL RIVER — Hundreds of heat-seeking manatees are packing the warm water springs at a Tampa Bay-area national wildlife refuge.

That's prompted officials to close those waters to humans to safeguard the protected marine mammals.

Roughly 300 manatees have packed into the canal leading to the Three Sisters Springs at the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge. On Tuesday, officials instituted an emergency closure of the springs to activities such as swimming and kayaking so that the manatees would not be disturbed.

The closure may con-

tinue through Wednesday afternoon or longer. Visitor services specialist Ivan Vicente tells the *Tampa Bay Times* that the closure will continue to keep the manatees "undisturbed for as long as possible during this cold spell."

Manatees seek out warm waters when temperatures drop.

TAVARES

County to explain new curbside collections via open houses

Staff report

Sixteen open houses are planned in the next seven weeks to acquaint unincorporated Lake residents with the county's new 1-1-1 curbside collection program.

The program, which consists of once-per-week trash, one-per-week recycling and once-per-week yard waste collection, will see residents receiving two new carts — one for trash and one for recycling — at no additional cost. Maintenance of the cart is also included at no cost.

Homeowners will be given the option of choosing from

three different cart sizes, 95, 65 or 35 gallon, in order to accommodate varying family needs.

To learn more about the 1-1-1 curbside collection program, the county will be hosting several open house meetings throughout the months of January and February for residents. All open house meetings are from 4 to 7 p.m. on the following dates:

■ Thursday — Paisley Community Center, 24958 County Road 42, Paisley

■ Tuesday — Calvary Baptist Church, 3740 Eagles Nest

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NEW MAYOR IN LEESBURG



CINDY DIAN / SPECIAL TO THE COMMERCIAL

Leesburg city commissioners Monday night selected board member John Christian, right, as the city's new mayor. Outgoing Mayor David Knowles, left, received a plaque of appreciation from the new mayor.

'Stand your ground' defense rejected

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH — A judge has rejected the self-defense claims of two brothers in the 2011 slaying of a man during a confrontation in a Daytona Beach neighborhood.

On Monday, Circuit Judge Margaret Hudson denied the "stand your ground" argument by Ray and Wayne Greenlaw, who claimed they feared for their lives when they opened fire on Brian Leverett and slashed his friend, Justin Riley on Oct. 29, 2011.

The *Daytona Beach News-Journal* reports the Greenlaws were seeking immunity from first-degree murder charges. Ray Greenlaw is also charged with the attempted murder of Riley.

According to testimony all four men had been drinking and had not met before that night. Wayne Greenlaw testified that things got heated after he told the men they didn't want to buy any pain pills.

The brothers testified that Leverett and Riley went to Wayne Greenlaw's house around 2 a.m. and threatened to kill Ray Greenlaw. That's when Wayne Greenlaw said he grabbed a rifle for himself and a pistol for his brother.

He testified that they went outside and encountered Leverett, who was armed with a shotgun and was holding a flashlight.

"He blinded me with the light and that's when I started firing," Wayne Greenlaw testified at a Dec. 2 'stand your ground' hearing. "I was afraid he was going to kill me."

The judge noted that

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"Defendant certainly did not seek to escape the conflict — he and his brother went looking for it."

Judge Margaret Hudson

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OBITUARIES

Peggy Cummins

Peggy Cummins, 74, of Lake Panasoffkee, FL, passed away on January 5, 2014, under the care of Gulfside Regional Hospice, Dade City. She was born February 23, 1939 in Bowling Green, FL. She is survived by her husband, of 43 years, William P. Cummins; sis-

ter, Iris (Joe) Wylly, of Blackshear, GA; brother, John L. Cook, of Valrico, FL; children, Richard Sweat, Jr., James Sweat, Timothy Sweat, Dennis Cummins, Lisa Burns; 8 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by, her mother and father, John Lawrence and Verola Cook; 3 sisters,

Doris Schofield, Dorothy Shaw, Maxine Tugle; and her twin brother, Haywood Cook. Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2014, 3pm, at Hodges Family Funeral Home, Hwy 301 Chapel, Dade City, FL. In Lieu of Flowers, donations can be made to Gulfside Regional Hospice, 6117 Trouble Creek Rd., New Port Richey, FL 34653

Boyd Faulconer

Boyd Faulconer (Bo) passed away on Tuesday December 17th at his home in Leesburg Florida. He left behind two sons, a daughter, two stepsons and a stepdaughter. Boyd was born in 1939 in Marked Tree Arkansas, the last of ten children from Wade and Illma Faulconer. He worked for the Kansas City Police Department and later moved to Holiday Island Arkansas before retiring at Hawthorne Estates in Leesburg Florida. Services will be held at Hawthorne on Saturday January 11th at 1:00. Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL.

Elizabeth A. "Ann" Hall

Elizabeth A. "Ann" Hall, 71, Lady Lake, FL passed away on January 5, 2014 at her residence in Lady Lake, FL. Mrs. Hall was born on April 5, 1942 in Leesburg, FL to her parents George Mack Brunson and Annie Lou (Folds) Brunson. She was a lifelong resident of Lake County and was of the Baptist faith. She was a retired Director for the Deaf Services Center in Leesburg, FL. Mrs. Hall was a member of the Florida Credit Professionals where she had served a Past President. She was an avid reader and loved being surrounded by her family as well as helping others in her community. She is survived by her loving daughter: Rita (Don) Carrico of Ocala, FL; two grandchildren: Ciara Bolderson and Shelby Manns. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Wesley Huel Hall and a son James Wesley Hall. Funeral Services will be on Friday, January 10, 2014 at 3:00PM at Banks, Page-Theus Funeral Home, Wildwood with Visitation from 2:00PM till the hour of service at the funeral home with burial to follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Leesburg, FL. Online condolences may be shared by visiting www.bankspagetheus.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.



HALL

Umatilla. Interment will follow at Tavares Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at www.beyersfuneralhome.com. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

James Edward Moore Sr.

James Edward Moore Sr., 83, Oxford, FL went to be with the Lord on January 6, 2014 under the loving care of his family. Mr. Moore was born on May 9, 1930 in Farmers, KY. He moved to Central Florida in 1939. James began building homes when he was 17 and built some of the most elaborate custom homes in this area and in North Carolina. He also worked on the railroad for nine years. He was a loving Husband and Father and was of the Christian faith and attended The First Baptist Church of Wildwood. He is survived by his loving wife of 35 1/2 years: Carolyn Lorena Baker Moore of Oxford, FL; loving children: James Edward Moore, Jr. of Deland, FL, Terry Michael Moore and Gregory Allen Moore of Oxford, FL, Pamela Susan Kleier and Gina Marie Phillips of Olympia, WA, David Pate of Wildwood, FL, Kenneth Pate of Jacksonville, FL, Keith Pate of Inverness, FL, Patricia Pate of Summerfield, FL, Marcia Brown of Steinhatchee, FL and Barbara Boscana of Coleman, FL; 40 Grandchildren, 52 Great-Grandchildren and 3 great Great-Grandchildren and many Nieces and Nephews. A visitation will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at Banks, Page-Theus Funeral Home, Wildwood, FL with Funeral Service on Friday, January 10, 2014 at 11:00AM at Banks, Page-Theus Funeral Home, Wildwood, FL. Burial to follow at Pine Level Cemetery, Oxford, FL. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to The First Baptist Church of Wildwood, Florida Building Fund. Online condolences may be shared by visiting www.bankspagetheus.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.



MOORE

Helen Addison Morrison

Helen Addison Morrison, 90, of Clermont, passed away January 3, 2014 at Superior Residences of Clermont. She was born on August 13, 1923 in Clermont and was a lifelong resident. She is predeceased by her husband, John M. Morrison and her son, John Morrison, Jr. Mrs. Morrison was an active member of St. Matthias Episcopal Church, a member of the South Lake Women's Club and a supporter of The Boy Scouts of America. Mrs. Morrison is survived by her son, Harry L. Morrison; grandson Jack H. Morrison; brother Fred L. Addison; sister Peggy P. Richards; nephew G. Richard Swartz and 16 nieces and nephews. Services will be held at St. Matthias Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Boy Scouts of America Central Florida Council would be appreciated by the family. Brewer and Sons Clermont Chapel (352) 394-8500

Evelyn Abbie Wilson

Evelyn Abbie Wilson went to be with the Lord on January 5th, 2014 after a long illness at home. She was born in Chester, PA. August 21, 1922. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years (2003) Harry C. Wilson Jr., and her brothers Philip Voshell Sr. and Fred Voshell. She is survived by her daughters Abbie Ann Wagner [Chet], Eustis, FL, and Donna Mergen, Lansdale, PA., 6 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A Remembrance service will be held at Liberty Baptist Church, 2451 Dora Avenue, Tavares, FL on Friday, January 17th, 2014 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers family requests donations be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL or Liberty Baptist Church, 2451 Dora Ave., Tavares, FL 32778. Online condolences can be sent to eve2122@comcast.net.

DEATH NOTICES

Roger Dell Ezell

Roger Dell Ezell, 64, of Eustis, died Saturday, January 4, 2014. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors.

Timothy William Heiser

Timothy William Heiser, 36, of Bristol, IN, died Friday, January 3, 2014. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors.

Thomas L. Hilliard

Thomas L. Hilliard, 79, of Grand Island, died Sunday, January 5, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home.

Thomas John Lake

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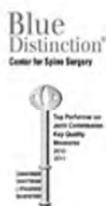
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Polar winds bring on big chill

RAY HENRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Fountains froze over, a 200-foot Ferris wheel in Atlanta shut down, and Southerners had to dig out winter coats, hats and gloves they almost never have to use.

The brutal polar air that has made the Midwest shiver over the past few days spread to the East and the Deep South on Tuesday, shattering records that in some cases had stood for more than a century.

The mercury plunged into the single digits and teens from Boston and New York to Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville and Little Rock — places where many people don't know the first thing about extreme cold.

"I didn't think the South got this cold," said Marty Williams, a homeless man, originally from Chicago, who took shelter at a church in Atlanta, where it hit a record low of 6 degrees. "That was the main reason for me to come down from up North, from the cold, to get away from all that stuff."

The morning weather map for the eastern half of the U.S. looked like an algebra worksheet: lots of small, negative numbers. In fact, the Midwest and the East were colder than much of Antarctica.

In a phenomenon that forecasters said is actually not all that unusual, all 50 states saw freezing temperatures at some point Tuesday. That included Hawaii, where it was 18 degrees atop Mauna Kea, a dormant volcano.

The big chill started in the Midwest over the weekend, caused by a kink in the "polar



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A Fosterburg, Ill., firefighter, right, looks over a vehicle that slid off an icy McCoy Road about half a mile east of Fosterburg Road on Tuesday.

vortex," the strong winds that circulate around the North Pole. By Tuesday, the icy air covered about half the country, and records were shattered like icicles up and down the Eastern Seaboard.

It was 1 degree in Reading, Pa., and 2 in Trenton, N.J. New York City plummeted to 4 degrees; the old record for the date was 6, set in 1896.

"It's brutal out here," said Spunkiy Jon, who took a break from her sanitation job in New York to smoke a cigarette in the cab of a garbage truck. "Your fingers freeze off after three minutes, your cheeks feel as if you're going to get windburn, and you work as quick as you can."

Farther south, Birmingham, Ala., dipped to a low of 7, four degrees colder than the old mark, set in 1970. Huntsville, Ala., dropped to 5, Nashville, Tenn., got down to 2, and Little Rock, Ark., fell to 9. Charlotte, N.C., reached 6 degrees, breaking the 12-degree record that

had stood since 1884.

The deep freeze dragged on in the Midwest as well, with the thermometer reaching minus 12 overnight in the Chicago area and 14 below in suburban St. Louis. More than 500 Amtrak passengers were stranded overnight on three Chicago-bound trains that were stopped by blowing and drifting snow in Illinois. Food ran low, but the heat stayed on.

The worst should be over in the next day or two, when the polar vortex is expected to straighten itself out. Warmer weather — that is, near or above freezing — is in the forecast for much of the stricken part of the country.

On Tuesday, many schools and day care centers across the eastern half of the U.S. were closed so that youngsters wouldn't be exposed to the dangerous cold. Officials opened shelters for the homeless and anyone else who needed a warm place.

TRASH

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- Road, Fruitland Park
- Wednesday — Lake County Agricultural Center, 1951 Woodlea Road, Tavares
- Jan. 16, Greater Pines, 14925 Greater Pines Blvd., Clermont
- Jan. 21, Venetian Gardens, 109 E. Dixie Ave., Leesburg
- Jan. 23, Minneola City Hall, 800 N. U.S. Highway 27, Minneola

- Jan. 28, Sorrento Christian Center, 32441 County Road 437, Sorrento
- Jan. 29, Sullivan's Ranch, 30450 Bretton Loop, Mount Dora
- Jan. 30, Astatula Town Hall, 25019 County Road 561, Astatula
- Feb. 4, Royal Trails, State Road 44 between Eustis and DeLand
- Feb. 11, Groveland City Hall, 243 S. Lake Ave., Groveland

- Feb. 12, PEAR Park Nature Center, 4800 University Ave., Leesburg
- Feb. 13, Marianne Beck Memorial Library, 112 W. Central Ave., Howey-in-the-Hills
- Feb. 19, Cagan Crossings Community Library, 16729 Cagan Oaks, Clermont
- Feb. 20, Astor Center, 24148 Ann St., Astor

- Feb. 25, Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Drive, Clermont
- For more information about the changes in curbside collection services, contact the Lake County Solid Waste Division by email at garbagecollection@lakecountyfl.gov, call 352-343-3776 or visit www.lakecountyfl.gov/garbagecollection.

DEFENSE

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the Greenlaws didn't call 911.

"Defendant certainly did not seek to escape the conflict — he and his brother went looking for it," Hudson wrote in denying the brothers' motion.

She also noted that in initial interviews with investigators, "neither brother ever mentioned that either Mr. Leverett or Mr. Riley had a gun or that it was pointed at them and caused fear."

She called Wayne Greenlaw's testimony "self-serving" and "not sufficiently credible."

The judge pointed out that Ray Greenlaw went inside his house and left the door unlocked while he grabbed a machete from his garage.

"It is incredulous to believe that someone truly in far of imminent death or great bodily harm ... would not lock the front door against the potential entry of the trespassers into the home and perhaps even call 911," Hudson wrote.

The newspaper reported Wayne Greenlaw fired 15 rounds from his rifle while his brother fired several rounds from a pistol. Investigators said the rifle shots killed Leverett.

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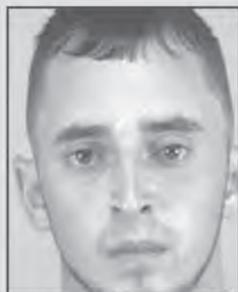
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MANAGER

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said. "In local government, almost everything you do matters, and most of it matters to almost everyone."

La Venia shrugged and chuckled. "And," he said, "there's a lot to do here."

For instance:

■ The city is still getting used to the fact that later this year, an estimated 4,000 new residents will begin moving into Fruitland Park, doubling the population with older, more affluent and

proportionately — more eligible voters. For a year at least — that's how long The Villages says it will take to sell all 2,038 new homes — Fruitland Park will rank as the nation's fastest-growing city.

■ But first, the city's water system requires a major expansion. Wastewater systems could reach critical capacity next year and the city just launched a massive three-to-five year process to acquire its electric system from Leesburg.

■ The police department will hire, equip and train

nine officers.

■ Expansion of Miller Avenue — County Road 466A — will be getting under way soon.

■ A Charter Review Committee will look at whether the city should change the way voters elect their commissioners and mayor, measures which could be on the ballot come November.

■ Updating the city's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan and CRA plan were put on hold a year ago to await the new city manager.

The easy stuff, like buying

a strip of land for a major expansion of the library, paid for with a county grant, will close on Friday.

La Venia said he found few surprises his first day. He stayed in daily contact with Interim City Manager Rick Conner since he agreed to take over as the city's chief administrative officer in October. He's monitored news reports online.

"In all, I'm impressed with how well the city is operating," La Venia said. "We have a good staff in place. With so much going on, I expected a bit more confusion," he said.

La Venia is well aware his new city will be in the spotlight.

"The potential here is really enormous," he said. "Right now all the attention is focused on The Villages development, but that's a closed community and most of the requirements are pretty well known," he explained.

"But that will accelerate more issues such as expansion of 466A and new commercial projects as well as residential development for working families," he said.

"There's a lot to do to get ready," La Venia said.

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BENEFITS

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proposal to increase the federal minimum wage.

The maneuvering on Tuesday was intense. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell proposed paying for the renewal of federal jobless benefits by delaying a requirement for millions of Americans to purchase coverage under "Obamacare" — an attempt to force Democrats to take a public stand on that highly controversial issue.

Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada, who generally seeks to shield his rank and file from politically painful votes, deemed McConnell's proposal a non-starter.

At the same time, Reid and White House officials suggested they would be receptive to cuts elsewhere in the federal budget to offset the cost of a yearlong renewal of the program, if Republicans would first agree to turn the benefits back on for three months without preconditions.

Reid also said he'd be willing to consider allowing votes on proposed changes, but avoided a flat commitment on a demand Republicans said was essential.

The legislation at the heart of the maneuvering would restore benefits averaging \$256 weekly to an estimated 1.3 million long-term jobless Americans who were cut off when the program expired Dec. 28. Duration of federal coverage generally ranges

from 14 to 47 weeks, depending on the level of unemployment within individual states. The three-month cost to the Treasury is estimated at \$6.4 billion.

Without action by Congress, hundreds of thousands more will feel the impact in the months ahead as their state-funded benefits expire, generally after 26 weeks.

Democrats had appeared poised to blame Republicans for blocking the legislation, and the outcome of Tuesday's vote appeared to catch them off-guard.

The six Republicans who voted to overcome a filibuster were Dean Heller of Nevada, Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, Dan Coats of Indiana, Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Rob Portman of Ohio.

Heller, Coats and Portman all represents states with unemployment above the national average of 7 percent.

Coats, for one, immediately made clear that his vote came with conditions attached. He said he opposes the measure as drafted, and would vote against it on final passage if Reid "again obstructs senators from offering amendments."

The Indiana Republican said he believes any extension in benefits should be offset by cuts elsewhere in the budget to prevent deficits from rising. He said he also favors provisions to help "put Americans back to work," comments similar to those made by McConnell.

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Compounding the problem

If chemical weapons killed 64 people on U.S. soil, the nation would be in a frenzy trying to determine what measures could be taken to prevent it from happening again.

Yet Americans largely reacted with a shrug when 64 people died, including four in Ocala, and thousands more were sickened last year due to tainted steroid injections.

Sure, the incident led to national media coverage of problems at the Massachusetts compounding pharmacy where the steroid was produced and others like it. But the state and federal response has been mostly voluntary regulations that inspire little confidence that compounding pharmacies are receiving adequate oversight and that the public's safety is being protected.

For the past nine months, *Star-Banner* staff writer Fred Hiers has investigated the thousands of compounding pharmacies in Florida and beyond that are becoming significant players in the nation's drug market. His eye-opening series published recently, "Compound Fractures," shows that the public remains at risk from unsafe drugs made at those pharmacies.

Last year's 64 deaths made for the most deadly compounding calamity in U.S. history. But they weren't the first deaths connected to compounding pharmacies. Drugs made in compounding pharmacies in Alabama, Maryland, South Carolina and Texas were previously linked to deaths due to problems such as drug contamination, improper sterilization practices and potency levels far higher than drug labels indicated.

Compounding pharmacies have taken advantage of outdated laws letting them make risky drugs in ever-increasing quantities and complexities while only drawing the same kind of regulation as a neighborhood pharmacy. They are making sterile compounds on a larger scale than ever intended, yet lack the equipment, testing and quality control of major drug manufacturers.

And our state and federal lawmakers refusal to impose real regulations on these operations is merely compounding the problem.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which has consistently pressed for more regulatory authority over the compounding labs to no avail, this year inspected three Florida pharmacies and found each failed to ensure their compounded drugs met sterility and potency tests. One was an Ocala pharmacy, formerly known as Franck's Compounding Lab, which made drugs that killed 21 polo horses and damaged 31 people's eyesight.

It's hard to understand why scores of deaths and injuries haven't been enough to force real regulation.

Let's hope that Hiers' series opens the eyes of lawmakers and regulators to the serious problems remaining at compounding pharmacies before another tragedy happens.

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OTHEr VOICES

Shift the debate from ideology and good intentions to reality

French President Francois Hollande has been confronted by the glaring light of reality — sort of.

On New Year's Day, as his massive tax increases began taking effect, Hollande, a member of the Socialist Party, admitted that taxes in France have become "too heavy, much too heavy."

Indeed, as of Jan. 1, French households now must contend with a new value added tax on many goods and services and, writes *International Business Times*, "French companies will be required to pay 50 percent tax on all employee salaries in excess of 1 million euros. ... The effective tax rate will amount to 75 percent." Unemployment, which Hollande promised to reduce, has risen to nearly 11 percent. Some companies and wealthy people have left France in search of business-friendly environments. More will surely follow unless Hollande's rhetoric is followed by actual tax reductions.

Hollande's head-on collision with reality is reminiscent of President Bill Clinton's remarks in Houston: "Probably there are people in this room still mad at me ... because you think I raised your taxes too much. It might surprise you to know that I think I raised them too much, too."

Neither Hollande (so far), nor Clinton, followed up on their remarks by cutting taxes. Like many other politicians, these men tried to have it both ways.

The next political leader who will be forced to adjust his left-wing ideology to reality is the new mayor of New York City, Bill de Blasio, who has proposed a tax on the wealthy to fund universal pre-K education. He, too, thinks raising taxes on the successful is the way to prosperity for the poor. He should pick up the phone and ask Hollande



Cal Thomas
 TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Americans typically hate waste. It is why as children most of us were told to clean our plates because somewhere in the world there were hungry people. Requiring the left to prove their programs and policies are producing outcomes at reasonable cost would shift the debate from ideology and good intentions to reality. This is where conservatives have a distinct advantage if they will embrace it.

how that is working for him, as Hollande's approval ratings are sinking faster than President Obama's. Even better, he might recall Calvin Coolidge's remark: "Don't expect to build up the weak by pulling down the strong."

Penalize success and prosperity and you get less of it. Subsidize bad decision-making by giving taxpayer money to the poor, and you may well undermine initiative and personal responsibility and create new generations of poor people.

The left in America and France have gained political power by appealing to voters' emotions, but when they achieve power their ideology harms the very people who voted for them when these well-intentioned programs prove unworkable. This presents conservatives and Republicans with an opportunity, as well as risks.

Liberals are allowed to be as ideological as they wish, and the major media and too many among the unfocused public will mostly support them. The left is never told they must compromise their ideology when reality proves them wrong, or "work with Republicans and conservatives" to achieve common goals. That is the trap liberals set for conservatives, who are repeatedly told they must compromise their principles if they hope to win elections, but whose squishy politics then become as unappealing as cold oatmeal.

Here is the path Republicans and conservatives must take if they not only want to win, but bring positive change to the country. Instead of debating feelings and ideology with the left (territory on which they almost always lose — recall "compassionate conservative"), conservatives should hold their opponents accountable. Are their policies producing the results they claim? Is the record debt good for the country? Are agencies performing as their charter demands, and should their budgets be reduced or the agency eliminated if it can't show results? Every government agency and program should be regularly required to justify, not only its budget, but its very existence.

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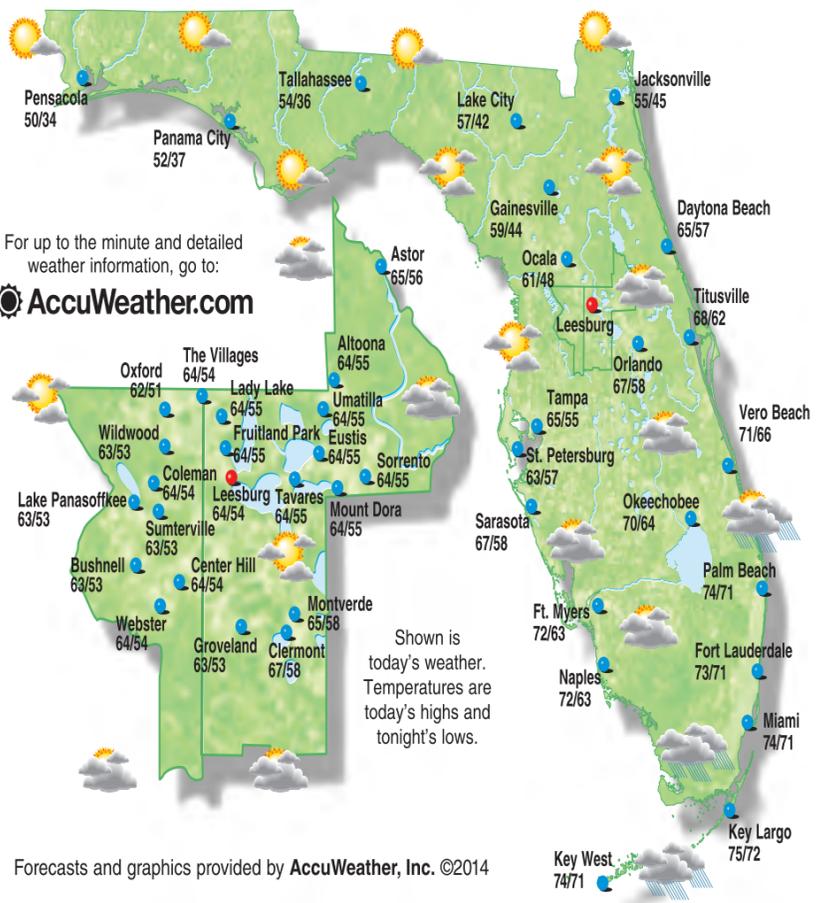


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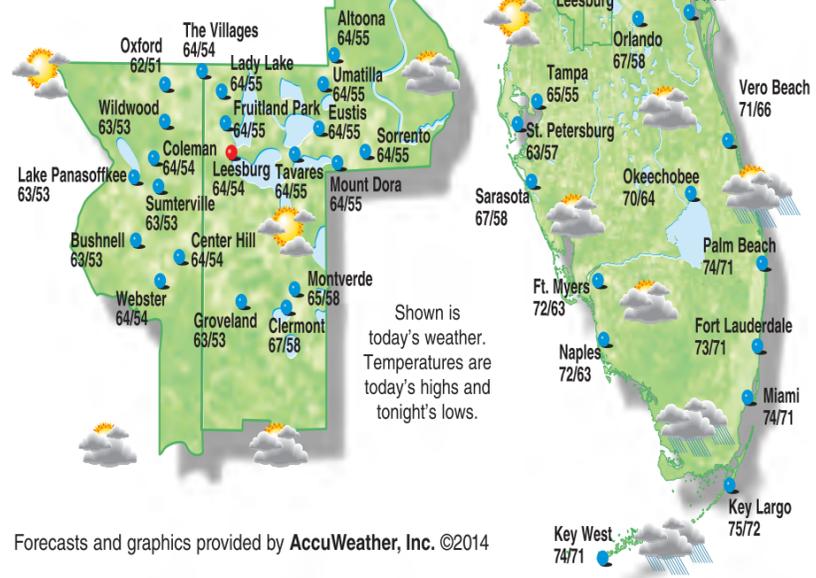
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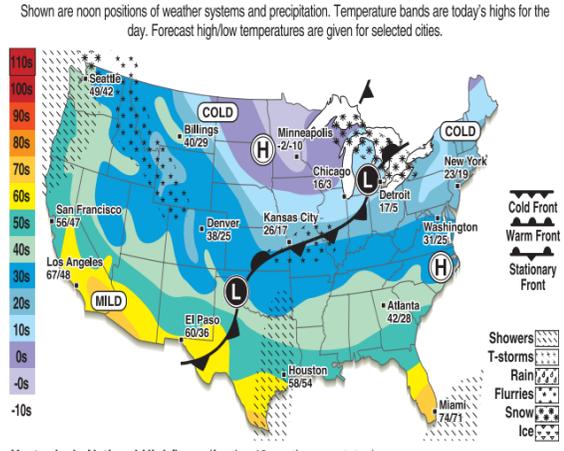


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BASKETBALL: Dennis Rodman ... diplomat? / **B3**

Eustis blanks Mount Dora in stretch run for playoffs

FRANK JOLLEY | Staff Writer
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Now is the time when soccer coaches are looking to round their teams into postseason form.

With the playoffs less than a month away, Eustis coach Wayne Lockett is looking for the Panthers to prepare themselves for a run to the state finals in Melbourne.

Eustis made a statement

that it was gearing up on Tuesday with an 8-0 road win against Mount Dora.

The Panthers improved to 13-7-3 with the win.

Six players got in the scoring column for Eustis. Kim Bovard and Melissa Hernandez scored two goals apiece, and Bovard added two assists.

In addition, Carly Bostwick, Dakota Ushko, Caroline Mullen and Ade-

line Hernandez added solo goals. Kristy Vidler had three assists.

Goalkeeper A.J. Morales recorded her 11th shutout of the season.

In other games on Tuesday, Leesburg's girls basketball team blasted Lake Minneola 91-59 and improved to 12-5.

Eletra Graham paced the Yellow Jackets with 22
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AREA TEAMS BEGIN WORKOUTS



BRETT LEBLANC / DAILY COMMERCIAL

Savannah Money hits off a tee during tryouts on Tuesday for the Tavares High School softball team at the Fred Stover Sports Complex. Area teams began working out on Monday for the upcoming season.



MARK J. TERRILL / AP

Florida State head coach Jimbo Fisher with The Coaches' Trophy after the Seminoles beat Auburn to win the BCS National Championship Monday in Pasadena, Calif.

Florida State begins to focus on sustaining title success

KAREEM COPELAND
Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher says winning the national championship was the culmination of a four-year process that began when he replaced Bobby Bowden as the head of the program in 2010. The next challenge is to sustain that success.

Fisher now finds himself in Bowden's old shoes where titles will be expected from a

"You've got to go back to ground zero and you can't worry about expectations."

Jimbo Fisher
Florida State coach

passionate fan base. Florida State beat Auburn 34-31 Monday night to win its first crown since 1999.

"You've got to go back to ground zero and you can't worry about expectations," Fisher said Tuesday. "That's the thing, once expectations

get so high, is to not let complacency set in."

"It's human nature, you take winning for granted. You take success for granted," he said.

A quick glance at the roster shows why Florida State (14-0) will enter 2014 as the favorite. The Seminoles return Heisman quarterback Jameis Winston for his sophomore season and lose just three senior offensive starters. Florida State must replace four senior

SEE BCS | **B2**

Maddux won't be unanimous Hall selection

RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Greg Maddux could break a 22-year-old record today, though he won't become the first unanimous selection in the history of the baseball writers' Hall of Fame ballot.

When Tom Seaver received 425 of 430 votes in 1992, his 98.84 percentage topped the mark set by Ty Cobb in 1936. A dominant pitcher when offense ruled in the Steroids Era, Maddux has a chance to enter Cooperstown with a little extra bit of fame.

"I just have just never come across any human being, whether they're a voter or just a fan, that doesn't think Greg Maddux is a Hall of Famer and one of the greatest pitchers who ever pitched," *The Boston Globe's* Nick Cafardo said Tuesday. "I can't imagine someone not voting for him. So I would guess that he's going to break Seaver's record."

Maddux is among three high-profile players on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot for the first time, joined by former

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ERIK S. LESSER / AP

Atlanta pitcher Greg Maddux pitches against the Florida Marlins in 2002 at Turner Field in Atlanta. Maddux, along with Tom Glavine, were fixtures in the Braves rotation for years.

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Atlantic

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	16	17	.485	—
Brooklyn	13	21	.382	3½
Boston	13	21	.382	3½
Philadelphia	12	23	.343	5
New York	11	22	.333	5

Southeast

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	26	8	.765	—
Atlanta	18	17	.514	8½
Washington	15	17	.469	10
Charlotte	15	21	.417	12
Orlando	10	24	.294	16

Central

W	L	Pct	GB	
Indiana	28	6	.824	—
Chicago	14	18	.438	13
Detroit	14	20	.412	14
Cleveland	12	23	.343	16½
Milwaukee	7	26	.212	20½

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Southwest

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	26	8	.765	—
Houston	22	13	.629	4½
Dallas	19	15	.559	7
New Orleans	15	17	.469	10
Memphis	15	18	.455	10½

Northwest

W	L	Pct	GB	
Oklahoma City	27	7	.794	—
Portland	26	8	.765	1
Minnesota	17	17	.500	10
Denver	16	17	.485	10½
Utah	11	25	.306	17

Pacific

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Clippers	24	13	.649	—
Golden State	23	13	.639	½
Phoenix	20	12	.625	1½
L.A. Lakers	14	20	.412	8½
Sacramento	10	22	.313	11½

Monday's Games

Minnesota 126, Philadelphia 95
 Brooklyn 91, Atlanta 86
 L.A. Clippers 101, Orlando 81

Tuesday's Games

Indiana 86, Toronto 79

Cleveland 111, Philadelphia 93
 Washington 97, Charlotte 83

New Orleans at Miami, late
 Detroit at New York, late
 Phoenix at Chicago, late
 Golden State at Milwaukee, late
 San Antonio at Memphis, late
 L.A. Lakers at Dallas, late
 Boston at Denver, late
 Oklahoma City at Utah, late
 Portland at Sacramento, late

Today's Games

Dallas at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Golden State at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Washington at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Phoenix at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Boston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

College

Tuesday's Scores

Men

EAST

Boston U. 55, Navy 32

SOUTH

Duke 79, Georgia Tech 57
 Tennessee 68, LSU 50

Women

EAST

UConn 90, Houston 40

MIDWEST

E. Illinois 75, E. Kentucky 71

FOOTBALL

College

AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

Rank	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Florida St. (60)	14-0	1,500	1
2. Auburn	12-2	1,428	2
3. Michigan St.	13-1	1,385	4
4. South Carolina	11-2	1,247	8
5. Missouri	12-2	1,236	9
6. Oklahoma	11-2	1,205	11
7. Alabama	11-2	1,114	3

8. Clemson	11-2	1,078	12
9. Oregon	11-2	974	10
10. UCF	12-1	959	15
11. Stanford	11-3	936	5
12. Ohio St.	12-2	816	7
13. Baylor	11-2	778	6
14. LSU	10-3	717	14
15. Louisville	12-1	693	18
16. UCLA	10-3	632	17
17. Oklahoma St.	10-3	598	13
18. Texas A&M	9-4	459	20
19. Southern Cal	10-4	299	NR
20. Arizona St.	10-4	258	16
21. Notre Dame	9-4	256	25
22. Wisconsin	9-4	245	19
23. Duke	10-4	190	22
24. Vanderbilt	9-4	117	NR
25. Washington	9-4	109	NR

USA Today Top 25

The USA Today Top 25 football coaches final poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

Rank	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida State (59)	14-0	1475	1
2. Auburn	12-2	1388	2
3. Michigan State	13-1	1375	4
4. South Carolina	11-2	1219	8
5. Missouri	12-2	1200	9
6. Oklahoma	11-2	1189	10
7. Clemson	11-2	1091	11
8. Alabama	11-2	1086	3
9. Oregon	11-2	975	12
10. Stanford	11-3	872	7
11. Ohio State	12-2	872	6
12. Central Florida	12-1	865	15
13. Baylor	11-2	796	5
14. LSU	10-3	719	14
15. Louisville	12-1	703	16
16. UCLA	10-3	597	18
17. Oklahoma State	10-3	587	13
18. Texas A&M	9-4	443	21
19. USC	10-4	313	NR
20. Arizona State	10-4	302	17
21. Wisconsin	9-4	266	19
22. Duke	10-4	202	21
23. Vanderbilt	9-4	180	NR
24. Notre Dame	9-4	125	NR
25. Nebraska	9-4	123	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Washington 67; Fresno State 54; Northern Illinois 21; Marshall 17; Texas Tech 13; Kansas State 11; Mississippi 7; Texas 4; Miami (Fla.) 4; East Carolina 3; Cincinnati 3; Arizona 2; North Texas 2; Utah State 2; Navy 1; Louisiana-Lafayette 1.

Late Monday

No. 1 FLORIDA ST. 34, No. 2 AUBURN 31

Auburn 7 14 0 10 — 31
 Florida St. 3 7 3 21 — 34

First Quarter

FSU-FG Aguayo 35, 9:53.
 Aub-Mason 12 pass from Marshall (Parkey kick), 3:07.

Second Quarter

Aub-Ray 50 pass from Marshall (Parkey kick), 13:48.
 Aub-Marshall 4 run (Parkey kick), 5:01.
 FSU-Freeman 3 run (Aguayo kick), 1:28.

Third Quarter

FSU-FG Aguayo 41, 6:05.

Fourth Quarter

FSU-Abram 11 pass from Winston (Aguayo kick), 10:55.
 Aub-FG Parkey 22, 4:42.
 FSU-Whitfield 100 kickoff return (Aguayo kick), 4:31.

Aub-Mason 37 run (Parkey kick), 1:19.
 FSU-Benjamin 2 pass from Winston (Aguayo kick), 1:3.
 A-94, 2:08.

Individual Statistics

RUSHING—Auburn, Mason 34-195, Marshall 16-45, Artis-Payne 1-1, Grant 1(-minus 3), Louis 1(-minus 6), Florida St., Freeman 11-73, Winston 11-26, K. Williams 5-25, Wilder Jr. 3-21, Abram 1-3.
 PASSING—Auburn, Marshall 14-27-1-217, Florida St., Winston 20-35-0-237.
 RECEIVING—Auburn, Coates 4-61, Bray 3-4, Louis 2-28, Uzomah 2-8, Ray 1-50, Mason 1-42, M. Davis 1-26, Marshall 0(-minus 2), Florida St., Greene 9-147, Benjamin 4-54, Freeman 3-21, Shaw 2-4.

Abram 1-11, K. Williams 1-0.

NFL Playoffs

Wild-card Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 4

Indianapolis 45, Kansas City 44
 New Orleans 26, Philadelphia 24

Sunday, Jan. 5

San Diego 27, Cincinnati 10
 San Francisco 23, Green Bay 20

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 11

New Orleans at Seattle, 4:35 p.m. (FOX)
 Indianapolis at New England, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Jan. 12

San Francisco at Carolina, 1:05 p.m. (FOX)
 San Diego at Denver, 4:40 p.m. (CBS)

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 19

AFC, 3 p.m. (CBS)
 NFC, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 26

At Honolulu
 Indianapolis at New England, 8:15 p.m. (NBC)

Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 2

At East Rutherford, N.J.
 AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

HOCKEY

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Atlantic

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	42	28	12	2	58	124
Montreal	44	25	14	5	55	114
Tampa Bay	42	25	13	4	54	119
Detroit	43	19	14	10	48	114
Toronto	43	21	17	5	47	119
Ottawa	44	19	18	7	45	126
Florida	43	16	21	6	38	102
Buffalo	42	12	26	4	28	74

Metropolitan

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	44	31	12	1	63	142
Philadelphia	42	21	17	4	46	111
Washington	42	20	16	6	46	128
Carolina	43	18	16	9	45	105
N.Y. Rangers	44	21	20	3	45	108
New Jersey	43	17	18	8	42	101
Columbus	43	19	20	4	42	117

N.Y. Islanders 44 15 22 7 37 119 146

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Central

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	45	29	7	9	67	167
St. Louis	41	29	7	5	63	150
Colorado	42	26	12	4	56	123
Minnesota	44	22	17	5	49	106
Dallas	42	20	15	7	47	123
Winnipeg	45	19	21	5	43	123
Nashville	43	18	19	6	42	102

Pacific

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	44	31	8	5	67	146
San Jose	43	27	10	6	60	142
Los Angeles	43	26	13	4	56	113
Vancouver	44	23	13	8	54	117
Phoenix	41	20	12	9	49	123
Calgary	42	15	21	6	36	100
Edmonton	45	14	26	5	33	117

Monday's Games

Columbus 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, SO

Montreal 2, Florida 1

Calgary 4, Colorado 3

Tuesday's Games

Carolina at Buffalo, p.p., inclement weather

N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, late

Philadelphia at New Jersey, late

San Jose at Nashville, late

Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, late

Calgary at Phoenix, late

St. Louis at Edmonton, late

Pittsburgh at Vancouver, late

Boston at Anaheim, late

Minnesota at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games

Montreal at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Ottawa at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Florida at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Dallas at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Sandusky tries to get his PSU pension back

MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A handcuffed Jerry Sandusky testified by video link for nearly three hours Tuesday as Pennsylvania's public pension agency considered his request to restore retirement benefits canceled because of his child molestation conviction.

Testimony from the former Penn State assistant football coach focused on circumstances surrounding his retirement from the university, as well as the links between the school and the charity for troubled youth he founded that paid him as a consultant after he left Penn State.

Speaking from inside the western Pennsylvania prison where he is serving a 30- to 60-year sentence, Sandusky described how he retired from Penn State in mid-1999 to take advantage of an early retirement incentive, and then was immediately rehired on a temporary basis to coach one last season.

It may be a few months before Sandusky learns whether a hearing officer will recommend the State Employees' Retirement Board reverse the decision that was made the day Sandusky was sentenced in October 2012. The decision stopped his \$4,900-a-month payments and also disqualified his wife Dottie — who attended the Tuesday hearing — from



AP PHOTO

This video framegrab shows Jerry Sandusky describing his career and retirement from Penn State by video link on Tuesday from Greene State Prison in southwestern Pennsylvania, as testimony began in a hearing into whether he can get back the retirement benefits he lost after being convicted of child molestation.

collecting benefits.

Sandusky said that after the 1999 season, he never received another paycheck or W-2 tax form from Penn State, never held himself out to be a Penn State employee and was even given a retirement party. At issue is whether he could be considered a school employee about a decade later, when prosecutors say he committed sex crimes, which were deemed to meet the state's standards for forfeiture.

Sandusky disputed documents that claim he received dozens of payments from Penn State after 1999.

In its October 2012 letter to Sandusky announcing his pension had been revoked, SERS

said Sandusky "received no fewer than 71 separate payments" from Penn State between 2000 and 2008 for travel, meals, lodging, camps, speaking fees and other activities.

"I don't know the exact number for sure," Sandusky testified Tuesday. "But I know it was in the neighborhood of three. It was far from 71."

Sandusky attorney Charles Benjamin has said Penn State made only six payments to Sandusky between 2000 and 2008, and three of them involved travel costs. The other three were speaking fees of \$100, \$300 and \$1,500.

Questioned about two of the young men who testified against him at trial, Sandusky bristled

at their description as victims 1 and 9, as they were known in court records, although he was convicted of crimes against them. He was asked if he met them through The Second Mile charity.

"Correct," Sandusky said. "Alleged victims, I would call them, yeah."

Sandusky, who's maintained his innocence in the criminal case, said he had little contact with major donors while watching football games from a skybox after retirement, and paid Penn State rental fees to use branch campuses for football camps and a university golf course for The Second Mile fundraisers.

"If you call that 'supporting,' renting the fa-

cilities, yes, Penn State did that, they provided a location for us to pay and use the facilities," Sandusky said.

Sandusky was the only witness called by his attorneys.

The retirement system's sole witness was an employee who read a timeline that outlined the former coach's history with the pension agency, starting when he was hired by Penn State in 1969.

The hearing officer, Michael Bangs, also has a large volume of records and exhibits to consider.

The retirement system ruled that his convictions for involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and indecent assault fell under Pennsylvania's Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act. Sandusky had opted to participate in the state-sponsored retirement system while at Penn State, which is a "state-related" university, but he was not a state employee.

At the heart of the dispute is whether Sandusky's ties to the university after his retirement, including the payments, made him a "de facto" Penn State employee while committing the crimes in question.

His lawyer has argued he was not and that his employment contract was not renewed after the forfeiture law took effect in 1978 so its terms do not apply to him.

In a Dec. 9 filing, Benjamin also argued that Sandusky did not fit the definition of "school employee" under the forfeiture law.

"No reported case in the history of Pennsylvania jurisprudence has ever applied a 'de facto' employee analysis to deny someone his retirement earnings, and SERS should not bow to political pressure and 'mob rule' to deny claimant his retirement earnings," Benjamin wrote.

SERS had subpoenaed two former Penn State administrators facing allegations of a criminal cover-up about Sandusky — former athletic director Tim Curley and former vice president Gary Schultz — but an agency lawyer said at the start of the hearing that both men asserted their Fifth Amendment rights not to testify.

There is currently no trial date set for Curley and Schultz, who are being prosecuted in the Dauphin County Courthouse, about two blocks from the SERS headquarters.

If the board rules against Sandusky, he may appeal to Commonwealth Court.

BASKETBALL

Ex-NBA player says NKorea game dwarfed by politics

ERIC TALMADGE
Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — Former NBA star Charles D. Smith says he feels remorse for coming to Pyongyang with Dennis Rodman for a game on the North Korean leader's birthday because the event has been dwarfed by politics and tainted by Rodman's own comments.

Smith and other former NBA players are scheduled to play with Rodman against a team of North Koreans on Wednesday that organizers say leader Kim Jong Un is expected to attend. Many of the players on Tuesday privately expressed second thoughts about going ahead because of an outpouring of criticism back home in the United States.

Smith, who played for the New York Knicks, said the North Korea trip has been dwarfed by politics and Rodman's frequent boasts about his close friendship with Kim.

"What we are doing is positive, but it is getting dwarfed by the other circumstances around it," Smith told The Associated Press. "Apparently our message is not being conveyed properly due to the circumstances that are much bigger than us, and I think that has to do with politics and government."

Rodman arrived in Pyongyang on Monday with seven former NBA players and four street-



KIM KWANG HYON / AP

Dennis Rodman coaches from court side as North Korean and US basketball players practice on Tuesday in Pyongyang, North Korea.

ballers for the game on Kim's birthday, believed to be his 31st. Along with Smith, the squad features ex-All Stars Kenny Anderson, Cliff Robinson and Vin Baker.

The game would be another milestone in Rodman's surprising relationship with basketball fan Kim, who rarely meets with outsiders and is possibly the world's most mysterious leader. Rodman has called the game a "birthday present" for Kim but says he has received death threats for his repeated visits to this country and for calling Kim a "friend for life."

"The way some of the statements and things that Dennis has said has tainted our efforts," Smith said. "Dennis is a great guy, but how he articulates what goes on — he gets emotional and he says things that

he'll apologize for later."

NBA Commissioner David Stern has distanced his organization from Rodman's squad.

"The NBA is not involved with Mr. Rodman's North Korea trip and would not participate or support such a venture without the approval of the U.S. State Department," he said in a statement. "Although sports in many instances can be helpful in bridging cultural divides, this is not one of them."

Rodman is the highest-profile American to meet Kim since the leader inherited power after his father, Kim Jong Il, died in late 2011. He traveled to the North for the first time last February and came back just before Christmas to hold tryouts for the North Korean basketball team, though he did not meet with

Kim then.

The plan to hold the game has been criticized because of the North's human rights record, its development of nuclear weapons and its threats to use them if a conflict breaks out with Washington or Seoul. Rodman, in particular, has been slammed for not trying to use his influence with Kim to secure the release of Kenneth Bae, an American missionary with health problems who is being held in North Korea on charges of "anti-state" crimes.

Asked in a CNN satellite interview Tuesday whether he would raise the issue of Bae, Rodman yelled in response, "I don't give a rat's ass what the hell you think. ... One day this door is going to open because these 10 guys here."

Smith placed his arm around Rodman's shoulder and a hand on his arm in an attempt to calm Rodman down.

"I feel bad for Dennis, I feel bad for the players," Smith said afterward, adding that when he played for the United States in the 1988 Olympics he felt elation.

"I felt huge, I felt on top of the world. But I feel the reverse now," he said. "I feel a lot of remorse for the guys because we are doing something positive, but it's a lot bigger than us. We are not naive, we understand why things are being portrayed the way they are. We can't

do anything about that, if we could we would.

"We're not skilled in those particular areas," he added. "Dennis is definitely not skilled in those particular areas."

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE Lawyers detail \$765M plan for concussions

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Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Lawyers representing former NFL players in the proposed \$765 million settlement of thousands of concussion-related claims have detailed how the money would be divided.

The awards could reach \$5 million for athletes with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease; \$4 million for a death involving brain trauma; and \$3 million for dementia cases.

Under the payout

formula, those maximum awards would go to players under 45, who would likely need more lifetime care. For a man in his early 60s, the awards top out at \$3 million for ALS and \$950,000 for Alzheimer's disease. An 80-year-old with early dementia would get \$25,000.

Individual awards would also reflect how long the player spent in the NFL, unrelated medical issues and other factors. For instance, the award could be reduced significantly if someone had injuries from an unrelated stroke or car accident. Men without any neurological problems would get baseline testing, and could seek compensation if test reveal any problems.

"This is an extraordinary settlement for retired NFL players and their families — from those who suffer with severe neurocognitive illnesses today, to those who are currently healthy but fear they may develop symp-

toms decades into the future," lead players' lawyers Christopher Seeger and Sol Weiss said in a statement.

Senior U.S. District Judge Anita Brody of Philadelphia must still approve of the plan, and is expected to hold a fairness hearing later this year. Individual players can also opt out or object to the settlement, which followed five months of what a mediator called "vigorous" negotiations between the players and the NFL.

"We of course support plaintiffs' motions, and will await further direction from Judge Brody," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said.

Players taking part will be encouraged to share their medical records with researchers studying brain injuries in football players, according to the extensive papers filed Monday.

The plaintiffs include class representative Kevin Turner, who played for the Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots and is now battling ALS.

"The compensation provided in this settlement will lift a heavy (financial) burden off of the men who are suffering," Turner said. He hopes it will ensure that future players "do not suffer the way that many in my generation have."

The total settlement would include \$675 million for compensatory claims, for players with neurological symptoms; \$75 million for baseline testing for asymptomatic men; and \$10 million for medical research and education. The NFL would also pay an additional \$112 million to the players' lawyers for their fees and expenses, for a total payout of nearly \$900 million.

The league's annual revenues top \$9 billion.

More than 4,500 former players have filed suit, some accusing the league of fraud for its handling of concussions. They include Hall of Fame standout and former Dallas Cowboys running back Tony Dorsett, and Super Bowl-winning quarterback Jim McMahon, who suffers

from dementia.

Mediator Layn R. Phillips of California, a former U.S. judge, called the settlement fair, noting the risks to both sides if the case went to court. Players might have the case thrown out of court and their claims sent to league arbitration, while the NFL might have been forced to release internal files that reveal what it knew, when, about the consequences of playing after a concussion.

"It was evident throughout the mediation process that plaintiffs' counsel were prepared to litigate and try these cases, and face the risk of losing with no chance to recover for their labor or their expenses, if they were not able to achieve a fair and reasonable settlement result for the proposed class," Phillips said.

The money is expected to last for at least 65 years. About 19,000 retired players would be eligible to seek awards or medical testing, but current players are not part of the deal.

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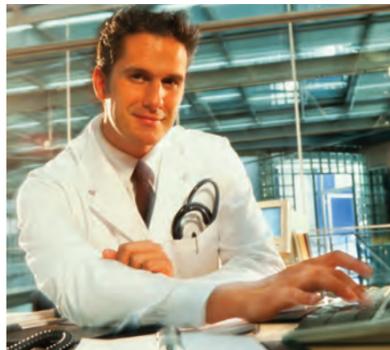


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American oil companies call for end to export ban

JONATHAN FAHEY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — American oil companies have not been allowed to export crude for 40 years, but the industry wants to change that, even though the U.S. still consumes far more oil than it produces.

A surprising surge in domestic production of light, sweet crude — a particular type of oil that foreign refiners covet — has triggered growing calls to lift the restrictions, which were put in place after the Arab oil embargo of 1973.

But the idea is touching a nerve that remains raw four decades after oil shortages crippled the economy and led to the law that banned crude exports without a special license.

“For 40 years, energy policy has been shaped by that experience of the 1970s,” says Daniel Yergin, energy historian, author and vice chairman of the research and analysis firm IHS. “But we are in a different world. Neither our logistics nor our thinking has caught up with the dramatic changes in North America.”

Skeptics worry that lifting the restrictions would lead to higher gasoline prices and decreased energy security. Economists and analysts argue that it would have little or no effect on prices, largely because the U.S. already exports record amounts of gasoline and diesel, which are not restricted.

Some experts say allowing crude exports could actually improve energy security by encouraging more domestic production.

Major oil companies such as Exxon Mobil and ConocoPhillips, along with the American Petroleum Institute,

an oil and gas lobbying group, are the biggest proponents of ending the ban.

On Tuesday, Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski released a paper on energy exports describing the nation's export laws as “antiquated” and urging President Barack Obama and the Senate to allow crude exports. Late last year, Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz suggested at an industry gathering that it may be time to revisit export laws.

But easing the restrictions will be politically difficult, especially in an election year. In a recent letter to Obama, New Jersey Sen. Robert Menendez made an argument that is likely to resonate with voters: “Crude oil that is produced in the U.S. should be used to lower prices here at home, not sent to the other side of the world.”

Environmental groups have worries, too, mainly that by allowing U.S. companies

to export crude to get higher prices, producers will be able to afford to go after oil deposits that require more elaborate, more environmentally damaging techniques.

That the nation is talking about exporting oil at all is a result of a huge turnaround in domestic production in states such as North Dakota and Texas. The U.S. is producing more crude oil than it has in 25 years, and the government predicts production will approach its 1970 peak of 9.6 million barrels per day in 2016.

That's still not nearly as much as we consume. The U.S. still imports an average of 7.5 million barrels of crude every day, more than any other country but China.

The issue is that refineries around the world have spent billions of dollars to gear up to process specific types of crude oil they expected to receive.

Stocks rally after 3-day slump

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks rallied Tuesday, ending a slump that had ushered in the New Year.

The Standard and Poor's 500 index climbed the most in three weeks, led by gains for health care stocks. UnitedHealth Group, the nation's largest health insurer, and Johnson & Johnson both climbed on recommendations for brokerage firms.

After three straight declines, the S&P 500 would have matched its worst opening of a year since 1978 had it closed lower for a fourth day. The stock market's slow start to 2014 contrasts with last year's exceptional performance, when the S&P 500 climbed to record levels after surging almost 30 percent.

“To me the trend still looks up, even though we've been chopping around,” said Bill Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Wealth Management Group. The economy “seems to

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Mexican peso	13.0044	13.0840

be in the mode that you would expect corporate earnings to continue to grow.”

The S&P 500 rose 11.11 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,837.88, the biggest gain since Dec. 18. Nine of the 10 sectors that make up the index rose.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 105.84 points, or 0.6 percent, to 16,530.94. The Nasdaq composite gained 39.50 points, or 1 percent, to 4,153.18.

UnitedHealth group gained \$2.27, or 3.1 percent, to \$76.51 after an-

alysts at Deutsche Bank said they expected the nation's largest health insurance company to charge customers more in premiums this year.

Johnson & Johnson climbed \$1.96, or 2.1 percent, to \$94.29 after analysts at RBC Capital raised their outlook on the stock to “outperform,” in part due to optimism on sales of the diabetes drug Invokana.

Despite Tuesday's gains, stocks have started the year off on uncertain footing.

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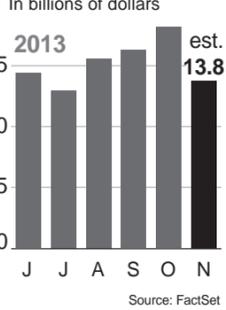


Spotlight on consumer debt

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Consumers increased their borrowing in October by \$18.2 billion to \$3.08 trillion, driven by growth in auto and student loans, as well as the biggest rise in credit card debt in five months.

Consumer credit



Expansion update?

Monsanto's latest quarterly earnings could provide an update on the company's expansion on developing markets.

The agricultural giant, due to report fiscal first-quarter results today, has said it expects earnings growth in the mid-teens for fiscal 2014, based largely on international seed sales in Latin America, Asia and other emerging markets.



Close-up on the Fed

The Federal Reserve releases today the minutes of a two-day meeting of its policymakers last month.

Following the meeting, the Fed announced it will cut its monthly bond purchases to \$75 billion from \$85 billion starting this month. The central bank also suggested that the purchases could end by late 2014.



evidence that the policymakers think the job market and economy will continue to improve with less help from the Fed.



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This photo shows Chinese chicken and vegetable soup served in a cup. This recipe's fragrant broth is essentially a Chinese version of a Jewish chicken soup.

A healthy chicken soup with Chinese influences

SARA MOULTON
Associated Press

When it's cold outside, I love making soup for supper. Everything goes into a single pot, starting with an aromatic broth and a substantial array of vegetables, then a little bit of protein, and finally a crispy garnish. And when dinner's over, there's only that one pot to wash!

This recipe's fragrant broth is essentially a Chinese version of a Jewish chicken soup. Folklore has it that the latter is a cure-all, if only because it's so comforting. But once you add a significant amount of fresh ginger, as I have here, your case for the

soup's therapeutic value is even stronger. Ginger does great things for the body, which is why I keep a big batch of ginger tea simmering on the stove when I'm fighting a cold.

Swimming in this broth are four vegetables — carrots, shiitake mushrooms, bok choy and peas. I chose them not only because they're the kind of vegetables you might find in a Chinese soup, but also because they are nutritious and provide a fresh array of colors. That said, you're welcome to swap them out in favor of any number of other winter veggies, including butternut squash,

sweet potatoes, turnips, broccoli and parsnips.

But whatever else you add to the soup, make sure that the chicken goes in last. Cut into bite-sized chunks, it takes little time to cook, but it will become tough and leathery if cooked too long.

At the end of it all, you'll want to add some wonton crisps, which bake quickly and contribute some flavorful crunch. A healthful approximation of the wonderful fried noodles often found on Chinese-styled salads, these crisps spend no time submerged in oil. You simply take fresh wonton wrappers (an

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Tasty recipes for game day

SUSAN SELASKY
Detroit Free Press

Be ready to cheer on the next gridiron event with a game plan: Have your snacks made in advance.

These mini roast beef wraps are an easy appetizer to whip together — just chill, slice and serve. Fans will love them for their flavor and cooks will love them for their ease. And meatballs are a slow-cooker favorite; these have sweet and spicy crowd-pleasing flavors.

SWEET AND SPICY SOUTHWEST MEATBALLS

■ Makes: 60 meatballs
■ Preparation time: 25 minutes

■ Total time: 1 hour

FOR THE MEATBALLS:

- 2 ½ pounds ground chuck or round
- ½ cup finely chopped white onion
- ½ cup finely chopped green pepper
- 1 jalapeno, seeds and ribs removed, finely chopped, optional
- 3 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons smoked or Spanish paprika
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper to taste
- 2 eggs
- 1 ¼ cups panko bread crumbs or fresh bread crumbs as needed

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J. KYLE KEENER / MCT

Step up your food game for the playoffs with treats such as roast beef wraps with horseradish cream cheese.

Dinner for two: quick and easy casserole dishes

A cook can't have too many casserole recipes on tap. Casseroles are wonderful main dishes, and many of them make a hearty meal in one dish. I'm especially partial to them because they're usually reasonably flexible, and normally, casseroles take gracefully to being warmed over.

Even better, you can put a casserole into the oven and go and dust the knickknacks or tidy the living room, and still have time to put your feet up and watch your favorite soap opera until the timer sounds off.

HELPFUL HINTS

■ A few cans of soup on hand can prove inspiring to the creative cook, and "Mac" McGarvey is one of the more imaginative "quick-and-easy" bachelor cooks I know. Here's one of his recent soupy inspirations: peel and cube equal amounts of potatoes and turnips. Boil until tender, then drain. Mix turnips and potatoes with a cup of cream of mushroom soup, and heat through for an almost instant batch of gourmet creamed potatoes. (Those who don't care for mushrooms can substitute cream of celery soup, or cream of chicken soup, or even cream of potato soup.)

■ Your deep-dish pie dish is perfect for baking this casserole; it holds the four-plus cups of ingredients nicely, and has enough headroom left over if you feel an impulse to add a cup of green beans or mixed vegetables, or experiment with a handful of dried cranberries.

I have two ways to classify casseroles. By one system, they're either flexible or inflexible — some simply

don't work the way you want them to unless you follow the recipe faithfully, while others take gracefully to im-



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provision and experimentation. By the other system, they're either big casseroles — the sort of thing you cobble up to take to a covered-dish dinner or when you've got a multitude of company coming — or the kind of thing you make for dinner for two, or even one.

This one is a small cas-

serole, good for dinner for two. Or, if you're cooking for only one, it gives you a nice main dish, plus leftovers for tomorrow night's supper. And yes, the ingredients can be somewhat rough on the budget, but the recipe demands very little in the way of preparation time or energy.

The Uncle Ben's Ready Rice, advertised as heating in a mere 90 seconds in the microwave oven, can be found in a number of different flavor blends, most of which will work pretty well for this recipe. There's a nice

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The question with coupons: To clip or not to clip?

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With all the changes with store policies and limits, is it still worth my time to cut and print coupons each week? — **T. MARKE, THE VILLAGES**

Yes, it is worth your time to clip the coupons each week. The manufacturers will have a sale to coincide with the coupon in

your area. Eighty-eight percent of the coupons in your Sunday paper this week are for items that will be on sale in your area. The magic will happen when you use your coupon with the sale price!

Many times I find that another brand is cheaper without a coupon, and I feel like I have wasted my time or I am just not getting the hang of using coupons. — **D. THOMAS, LEESBURG**

It can be quite frustrating when you have spent the time to clip your coupons, research the sales and head to the store only to find that another quality brand is less expensive without a coupon. It is perfectly okay to buy the

other brand and put your coupon away. The key is saving money. If you plan on buying Kraft cheese with your coupon but Sargento is a better deal without a coupon, then buy the Sargento brand.

As a new couponer, I ended up spending more at the store than I did before couponing. What am I doing wrong? — **J. JANSEN, TAVARES**

New couponers can end up spending more in the beginning due to feeling like they need to buy everything they have a coupon for. It is normal, and there is a learning curve to using coupons. Timing is key, and having a coupon doesn't make it the right time to use it. Nine-



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ty-five percent of the time, the product will go on sale before the coupon expires. Holding the coupon until then will save you 50-75 percent on that product. Don't be discouraged and keep trying. Great question.

Is there anything I can do with my expired coupons? I have the best intentions but sometimes they expire before I can use the coupon. — **B. SMITES, MOUNT DORA**

YES! Great question. Our military can use expired coupons up to six months after the expiration date. This was set up for the bases overseas, but many in the States will allow expired coupons at the PX or commissaries as well. Every base is different. Coupsfortroops.com is a great resource for addresses to mail expired coupons to. This would be a great community service action for your club or civic group.

Tanya Senseney has more than 16 years experience saving and teaching others how to reduce their monthly grocery budget. For information on her classes, contact her at Tanya@DivineSavings.com, or go to www.DivineSavings.com.

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FOR THE SAUCE:

- 1 jar (16 ounces) grape jelly
- 1 bottle (12 ounces) favorite hot red pepper sauce (a thicker one such as Frank's Hot Red Pepper sauce is best)
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) Line two sided baking sheets with foil and coat with nonstick cooking spray.
- 2) In a large bowl, thoroughly combine all the meatball ingredients, adding enough bread crumbs so the mixture holds together when shaped into balls. Using about a 1-tablespoon measure, shape the meat mixture into balls. You should get about 60. Place them on the baking

sheet as you make them.

- 3) Once they are all made, chill for 30 minutes.
- 4) Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Bake the meatballs for about 15 minutes or until crispy on the outside and cooked through.
- 5) Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan, combine the grape jelly, hot sauce and Dijon. Bring just to a boil; reduce the heat and simmer until slightly thickened.
- 6) Remove the meatballs from the oven and transfer to a slow cooker or baking dish. Pour the sauce over the meatballs and return to the oven or place in a slow cooker to keep warm. The sauce will continue to thicken.

ROAST BEEF WRAPS

- Makes: 40
- Preparation time: 40 minutes (plus chilling time)
- Total time: 40 minutes (plus chilling time)

INGREDIENTS

- 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened



Step up your food game for the playoffs with treats such as sweet and spicy Southwest meatballs. WILLIAM ARCHIE / MCT

- 1 cup mayonnaise (regular, reduced or nonfat)
- ½ cup horseradish, white or red
- 1 package large (at least 10 inches in diameter or more) lavash bread (6-8 pieces) or favorite flatbread
- 1 pound Monterey Jack cheese, very thinly sliced
- 1 ½ pounds good-quality medium-rare roast beef, sliced thin
- 2 large red bell peppers, chopped
- 1-2 packages alfalfa sprouts

DIRECTIONS:

- 7) In a small bowl, stir together the cream cheese, mayonnaise and horseradish until combined.
- 8) Place one lavash on a clean, flat surface. Spread a thin layer of the cream cheese mixture over the bread, especially on the uppermost edge (this is the glue that holds the lavash together after it has been rolled). Place about 2 slices of the cheese on half of the lavash. Repeat with the roast beef.
- 9) Sprinkle red peppers over the beef and place a

hearty line of sprouts on top of the beef along the outer edge (this will end up in the center of the wrap).

10) Begin rolling from the outer edge, using your fingers to keep the filling in place. The last roll should contain no filling. Wrap tightly in plastic wrap and chill 2 hours before slicing. When ready to slice, place the roll seam side down on a cutting board and cut the lavash into about 1-inch slices on the diagonal. Repeat with the remaining lavash slices.

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garlic and herb blend, and also a garden vegetable variety.

Not everyone likes mushrooms, so you might prefer leaving them out in favor of half a cup of tender-crisp broccoli pieces, or zucchini slices. English peas are good for color, but remember they count as starch for those on a restricted diet.

As for Progresso's Rich and Hearty Chicken Pot Pie Soup, it's one of the things I like to keep on hand. It's a bit on the expensive side, and sometimes more than a bit,

depending on when and where you buy it, so I'm careful to grab a couple of cans when I find a good sale.

By the way, if you automatically think French's for French-fried onions, be careful; the company is now marketing a cheese-flavored version, as I discovered when I bought a box by accident.

QUICK SMALL CASSEROLE

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 packet Uncle Ben's Ready Rice, roasted chicken flavor
- 1 small can (4 oz.) mushroom pieces, drained
- 2 slices bacon, fried crisp and crumbled
- 1 can Progresso's Hearty Chicken Pot Pie Soup (18.5 oz)
- 2/3 cup French-fried onions

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 2) Mix rice with mushrooms and crumbled bacon. Stir in soup, and pour mixture into 1-quart casserole dish. Sprinkle onions over top, and bake in 350-degree oven until the soup is bubbling gently and the rice tender, about 30 minutes.
- 3) I like a very simple lettuce and tomato salad with this. (If you're feeling extravagant, make individual salads with a couple of tomato slices and a few spears of gently steamed asparagus.)
- 4) Add fresh or canned fruit for dessert, and you've got a perfectly respectable meal.

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Apple pie moonshine has gone mainstream

BY SUE KIDD
The News Tribune



PETER HALEY / MCT

Production manager Matt Rockness sets up micro-stills for customers to make their own spirits at Heritage Distilling Co., a craft distillery in Gig Harbor, Wash.

I knew apple pie moonshine had gone mainstream when I heard a friend was using a Crock pot to make hers. The recipe sounded pretty simple. Apple cider and cinnamon steeped together in a slow cooker all day, then that mixture was steeped with moonshine before serving.

OK, I'll take a glass of that.

Don't let the word "moonshine" throw you. You won't have to rig up a basement bootleg operation to make the moonshine (home distilling is still very illegal, by the way). Steeping any commercially produced spirit with your favorite combina-

tion of apples and spices can produce a tasty apple pie moonshine that can be used as a cocktail ingredient, a flavoring agent for dessert or simply enjoyed straight out of the freezer.

I'm aware not everyone wants to flavor their own booze, so here's where local dis-

tillers come in.

One version of apple pie moonshine catching buzz and gaining popularity with barkeeps is made by Heritage Distilling Co. in Gig Harbor, Wash. Their apple pie moonshine, called "Fall Classic," is a corn whiskey flavored with apples and cinnamon.

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all-purpose item you always want to have at hand in your freezer), cut them into strips, toss them with a tiny bit of oil, then bake them until crispy (which happens in a flash). They're the crowning touch for a soup that'll warm you from the inside out.

CHINESE CHICKEN AND VEGETABLE SOUP

- Start to finish: 1 hour
- Servings: 4

FOR THE WONTON CRISPS:

- 12 square wonton wrappers
- 1/2 teaspoon canola or vegetable oil
- Salt

FOR THE SOUP:

- 6 medium scallions
- 4-by-1-inch piece fresh ginger, unpeeled
- 3 garlic cloves, smashed and peeled
- 1/2 cup rice wine, sake or dry sherry
- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 1/2 cups thinly sliced carrots
- 4 to 5 ounces sliced or cubed shiitake mushrooms
- 3 tablespoons corn-

starch whisked with 1/4 cup water

- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 3 cups sliced bok choy or napa cabbage
- 1 cup frozen peas (do not defrost)
- 3 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) Heat the oven to 375 F.
- 2) Cut the wonton wrappers into 1/4-inch strips. In a bowl, toss the wonton strips with the oil and a pinch of salt. Arrange the strips in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake on the oven's middle shelf until golden and crisp, 3 to 5 minutes. Let cool completely before serving.
- 3) Meanwhile, place the scallions on a cutting board, then use the side

of a large knife or a rolling pin to lightly smash. Cut the ginger into thin rounds, then slice each round into thin matchsticks.

4) In a large saucepan over medium-high heat, combine the smashed scallions, sliced ginger, garlic, rice wine and broth. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat, cover and simmer for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, use a slotted spoon to remove and discard the solids.

5) Add the carrots and mushrooms and simmer gently, covered, for 5 minutes. Bring the liquid to a boil, then add the cornstarch-water mixture in a stream while whisking. Return to a boil.

6) Add the chicken, bok choy, peas, soy sauce and sesame oil. Cook gently until the chicken is just cooked through, about 5 minutes. Ladle the soup into bowls and top each portion with some of the wonton crisps, if using.

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Heritage founder Justin Stiefel, who operates the Gig Harbor distillery and tasting room with wife Jennifer, explained via email how the distillery makes its apple pie.

Q: Can you tell readers a bit more about the lure of apple pie moonshine and what it was about the flavor profile that made you want to take a stab at your own version?

A: The TV show "Moonshiners" helped to spread the apple pie recipe nationwide, but

every recipe we tried on the market was too sweet, had too much "alcohol" taste to it or it tasted as though it had artificial sweeteners.

We live in Washington, the apple capital of the world, so we thought we should have our locally made version of apple pie with all natural, local ingredients. What really moved the idea into reality was a meeting with the Tacoma Rainiers baseball team. They

wanted something to feature at Cheney Stadium, and we thought, "what's more American than baseball and apple pie?" Thus was born our "Fall Classic" Apple Cider Flavored Whiskey.

We did extensive tasting with the team execs (all in the name of official research, mind you) until we jointly picked the flavor profile. Over the course of the summer we have refined the recipe and it is now dialed in.

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NEW GAME EVERY WEDNESDAY

SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

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New heaters go to Florida residents by zip code

Brand new heaters are being delivered to the first Leesburg area residents who call before the 48 hour order deadline ends to get the new MV.2 miracle heaters to drastically slash home heat bills

Never be cold again: If you live in one of the Leesburg area zip codes listed below call the special 48 hour hotlines to get the new heater that only uses about the same energy per hour as a coffee maker to help make heat bills hit rock bottom

FLORIDA – The Toll Free Hotlines are ringing off the hook.

That's because Leesburg area residents who find the first two digits of their zip code listed in today's publication are getting new heaters that quickly put a stop to high heat bills forever.

Leesburg area residents who get the new Heat Surge® MV.2 miracle heaters by calling the Toll Free Hotlines before the 48-hour order deadline ends will never have to pay high heat bills again.

"We all know that freezing cold weather is coming and heat bills are going to skyrocket this winter. That's why I've given the directive to give the first Leesburg area residents who call in the next 48 hours a massive discount on our brand new MV.2 miracle heaters," said David Martin, General Manager of U.S. based Heat Surge.

Heat Surge's latest heating miracle is being called the MV.2 Efficiency because its micro design easily goes from room to room to help you save a ton on heat bills.

Demand for Heat Surge heaters has skyrocketed to stardom ever since consumer reviews surfaced showing just how much money ultra-efficient zone heat saves people on heat bills which is why this announcement is being so widely advertised.

According to the avalanche of consumer reviews for the original Heat Surge heaters, people absolutely swear by them, repeatedly saying, "it saves money," "looks beautiful," and "keeps you warm and cozy." That's why Leesburg area residents will be scrambling to get them starting at precisely 8:30am this morning.

The new Heat Surge MV.2 Efficiency heats for just fourteen cents an hour to drastically slash home heat bills.

In fact, it gives you 74° of bone-soothing room heat even when the home thermostat is turned down to 59°. That means you can zone heat and never be cold again. And since it only uses about the same energy per hour as a coffee maker you'll save a ton on your heat bills, too.

And here's the best part. A 2-Day Double Coupon has been reprinted in today's publication for readers to use.

By using this coupon, everyone who calls is being rewarded with \$100 off. That makes this a remarkable new heater a real steal at just \$149. Since this is a Double Coupon Deal, it not only gives you a massive discount, but also entitles you to Free shipping and Free handling.

The new MV.2 miracle heater comes with *Fireless Flame* technology that gives you the peaceful flicker of a real fire but without any flames, fumes, ashes, or mess so it's totally safe to the touch.

The good news is, the new Heat Surge MV.2 miracle heater is virtually maintenance free and comes fully assembled, so all you have to do is plug it in and relax in front of the *Fireless Flame*.

People everywhere got off easy last winter, but everyone knows that the cold weather is setting in this year. And we all know that frigid cold temperatures mean skyrocketing heat bills.

That's why everyone is rushing to get the new Heat Surge MV.2 miracle heater that saves a ton of money on heat bills with zone heating and keeps you warm all winter long.

"We're bracing ourselves for all the calls because everyone who wants to really save on their heat bills and stay warm this winter will be calling immediately to make sure they get their new heater at a massive discount," said Martin.

Readers can use the 2-Day Double Coupon more than once. But there is a catch. You can only get away with it for the next two days from the date of today's publication by calling the Toll Free Hotline before the deadline ends.

"To make sure everyone gets their new Heat Surge MV.2 miracle heater before the harsh winter weather hits, UPS® drivers have been instructed to make home deliveries anywhere in the United States," Martin said.

"Just remember, to get your new heater you must find the first two digits of your zip code listed in today's publication and be one of the first Leesburg area readers to call the Toll Free Hotline at 1-888-414-4691 before the 48-hour deadline ends," he said.



ON THEIR WAY: New Heat Surge MV.2 miracle heaters will soon be delivered to lucky Leesburg area residents who beat the 48-hour order deadline and live in one of the zip code areas listed in today's publication. Everyone's getting the upstairs-downstairs efficiency combo of two Heat Surge MV.2 miracle heaters because they only use pennies an hour of electricity to drastically slash home heat bills.

Who gets the heaters: Listed below are the Leesburg area zip codes that get the new heaters. If you find the first two digits of your zip code listed below immediately call **1-888-414-4691**

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AL 35, 36	DC 20	ID 83	MA 01, 02, 05	MS 38, 39	NJ 07, 08	OK 73, 74	SD 57	VT 05
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CO 80, 81	HI 96	KY 40, 41, 42	MN 55, 56	NE 68, 69	OH 14			WY 82, 83

48 Hour Claim Code: VM442

The Toll Free Hotlines at **1-888-414-4691** and **1-888-414-4714** are open for the next 48 hours beginning at precisely 8:30am this morning. If you miss the deadline you'll be turned away from this offer and forced to wait for future announcements in this publication or others, if any. So if lines are busy keep trying, all calls will be answered.

Only the first Leesburg area callers who beat the order deadline and provide the operator with the valid Claim Code **VM442** and live in one of the Leesburg area zip codes listed above will be permitted to get the new Heat Surge MV.2 miracle heater shipped anywhere in the U.S. at a massive discount and cover just \$149 and Free shipping and Free handling to drastically slash home heat bills.



How It Works: You get 74° of bone-soothing room heat even when the home thermostat is turned down to 59° with the first-ever Heat Surge MV.2



ZONE HEATING SLASHES HEAT BILLS: Notice how the home thermostat is set at 59°. The left shows the new Heat Surge MV.2 miracle heater blanketing the whole room with 74° of warmth.

This is the new revolutionary Heat Surge MV.2 miracle heater. It's a work of engineering genius so advanced, it actually uses a micro-furnace from the coast of China to perform its miracles. The micro-furnace quickly heats the air in any room, taking care of all the cold spots. In fact, it actually produces Ortho-Thermic, bone-soothing heat. This modern marvel is being called a miracle because its micro design easily goes from room to room and uses just a trickle of electricity so you can turn down your thermostat and use its ultra-efficient zone heat to save a ton of money on heat bills based on a U.S. average that says it uses only pennies of electricity an hour, yet it produces up to an amazing 3,685 British Thermal Units (BTUs) delivering a full 1,200 watts on the standard setting.

The Heat Surge MV.2 is a showpiece in any room. That's because it has the ambiance of a real fireplace, but it has no real flames. Its *Fireless Flame*® technology makes it safe to the touch.

At just 13.44"W x 9.43"H x 6.63"D and weighing only 12lbs, the new Heat Surge MV.2 miracle heater is ultra portable and comes fully assembled so when it arrives, all you do is just plug it in.

How to get the Double Coupon Deal: Phone in to use coupon now

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TO USE THIS COUPON: Call the Toll Free Hotline at **1-888-414-4691** and give the operator the 2-Day Double Coupon Code shown below the barcode.

JUST 2 DAYS REMAIN: An extraordinary \$100.00 Double Coupon Deal has been authorized for today's readers. To use the \$100.00 coupon and get the new Heat Surge MV.2 for just \$149 you must call the Toll Free Hotline at 1-888-414-4714. Because it's a Double Coupon, it also includes Free shipping and Free handling, but only for those who beat the deadline.

Consumer Reviews

Original Heat Surge® Heaters

★★★★★
It saves us so much money.
"Before we got the Heat Surge, we were paying several hundred a month on our gas bill, now we only pay a fraction of that."

★★★★★
My neighbors are jealous of how low my heating bills are.
"I am saving hundreds on my gas bills."

★★★★★
I just love my fireplace.
"I recommend them to everyone. It has saved me so much money!!"

★★★★★
They are just fantastic!
"I have never been as pleased with anything in my entire life as I am with my heaters. I live alone and my cat and I just adore them."

★★★★★
I like my Heat Surge fireplace.
"It saves me a lot of money on my gas bill."

★★★★★
I would not trade the Heat Surge for anything.
"I really love my Heat Surge for a lot of reasons. It heats my dining room and living room. I have had it for 3 years and it has saved me a fortune in propane gas usage."

★★★★★
We are really spoiled by our Heat Surge!
"Within the first month, our electric bill went down dramatically."

★★★★★
It fits perfectly in the condo.
"The craftsmanship is beautiful and it heats up fast. I have not had to touch the thermostat and I can wear comfortable clothing and not be all bundled up. There is no heat smell when it kicks on. It has helped us save on our gas bill dramatically. I love the ambiance!"

"Unsolicited consumer feedback from satisfied customers, as reported to Heat Surge, LLC. With zone heating, users can turn down the home thermostat and use the fireplace to heat only the room being used. Actual savings will vary depending on factors such as local climate, local energy costs, system settings, home construction and individual usage. Heat Surge rated these customer reviews 5 stars.

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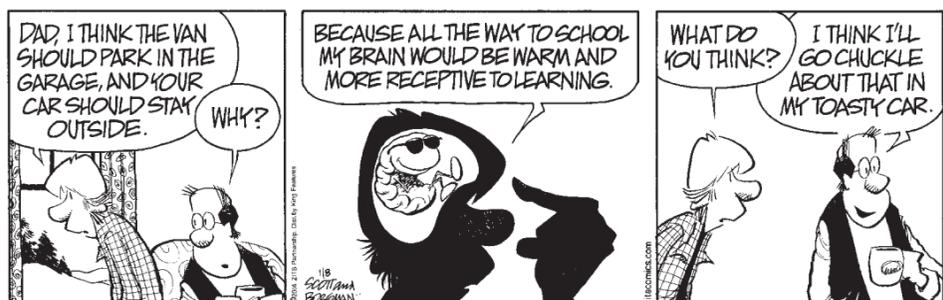
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Ceck out these warning signs of potential abusers

DEAR ABBY: When my daughter was 20, she met a guy who one minute showered her with roses and the next would beat her up. She stayed with him thinking she could change him, and became pregnant. On her 21st birthday, she tried to get away from him. He chased her up the road and went to punch her in the stomach. When she turned to avoid the blow, it landed, hitting the baby in the head and killed the child.

It's always someone else's fault if something goes wrong.

(7) **MAKES OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OR HER FEELINGS:** The abuser says, "You make me angry" instead of "I am angry," or says, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you."

(8) **HYPERSENSITIVITY:** Is easily insulted, claiming hurt feelings when he or she is really mad. Rants about the injustice of things that are just a part of life.

(9) **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR CHILDREN:** Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper) or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partners will also abuse children.

(10) **"PLAYFUL" USE OF FORCE DURING SEX:** Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex; finds the idea of rape exciting.

(11) **VERBAL ABUSE:** Constantly criticizes or says blatantly cruel things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you with relentless verbal abuse.

(12) **RIGID GENDER ROLES:** Expects you to serve, obey, remain at home.

(13) **SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS:** Switches from sweet to violent in minutes.

(14) **PAST BATTERING:** Admits to hitting a mate in the past, but says the person "made" him (or her) do it.

(15) **THREATS OF VIOLENCE:** Says things like, "I'll break your neck" or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way," or "I didn't really mean it."

Readers, if you feel you are at risk, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or www.thehotline.org.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Abby, once a beater, always a beater. I hope all women in abusive relationships will see this letter. My daughter is fine now, married and expecting. I pray for the women and girls out there who are going through what she once had to. — **PENNSYLVANIA MOM**

DEAR PENNSYLVANIA MOM: I'm glad you wrote, because your letter reminds me that it has been some time since I printed the warning signs of an abuser. Here they are:

(1) **PUSHES FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT:** Comes on strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the new partner for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.

(2) **JEALOUS:** Excessively possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage on your car.

(3) **CONTROLING:** If you are late, interrogates you intensively about whom you talked to and where you were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.

(4) **UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS:** Expects you to be the perfect mate and meet his or her every need.

(5) **ISOLATION:** Tries to isolate you from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car, or try to prevent you from holding a job.

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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How to play: Fill in the blank squares with the numbers 1 through 9 so that each horizontal row, vertical column and nine-square sub-grid contains no repeated numbers.

Puzzles range in difficulty from one to six stars.

The solution to today's puzzle will be in tomorrow's paper.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

1-8 CRYPTOQUOTE

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ML HPMVSM LZ UL BLUWEYJ
GBL'N UHNYJCBWMUL, LUW
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HPVFYJ-VDDWUL

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HUSBANDS ARE AWKWARD THINGS TO DEAL WITH; EVEN KEEPING THEM IN HOT WATER WILL NOT MAKE THEM TENDER. — MARY BUCKLEY

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2nd Letter + 3 PTS

1st DOWN

C₆ M₆ H₇ E₁ P₆ I₂ N₂

2nd DOWN

S₂ E₁ L₂ H₇ S₂ I₂ G₃

3rd DOWN

L₂ L₂ O₂ R₂ V₇ F₇ A₂

4th DOWN

O₂ I₂ F₇ C₆ E₁ N₂ N₂

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN AVERAGE GAME 160-170 PTS
Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters on each yardline. Add points to each word or letter using scoring directions. Seven-letter words get a 60-point bonus. All words can be found in Webster's New World College Dictionary.

1-8-14 **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

FOUR PLAY TOTAL

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T₂ H₇ Y₇ 1st DOWN = 36

L₂ Y₇ R₂ A₂ T₂ E₁ 2nd DOWN = 16

T₂ U₃ C₆ K₁₂ E₁ R₂ 3rd DOWN = 66

B₆ R₂ I₂ B₆ E₁ R₂ Y₇ 4th DOWN = 92

AVERAGE GAME 130-140 PTS JUDD'S TOTAL = 210
1-7-14

DENNIS THE MENACE



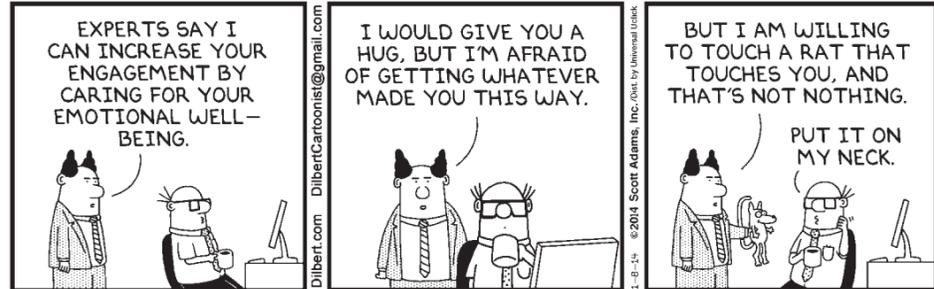
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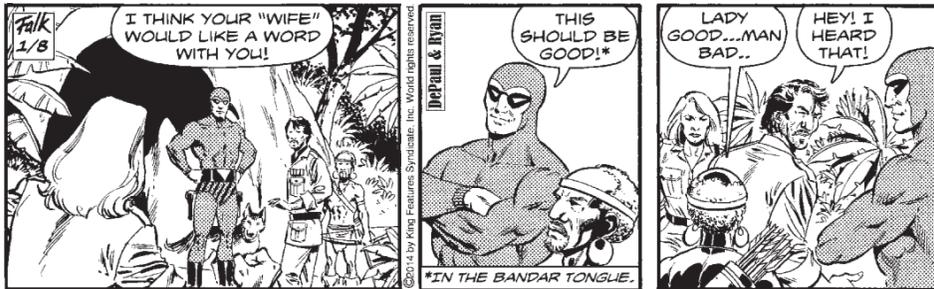
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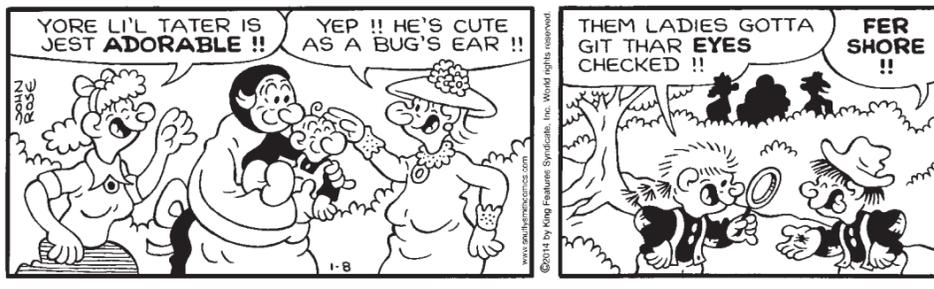
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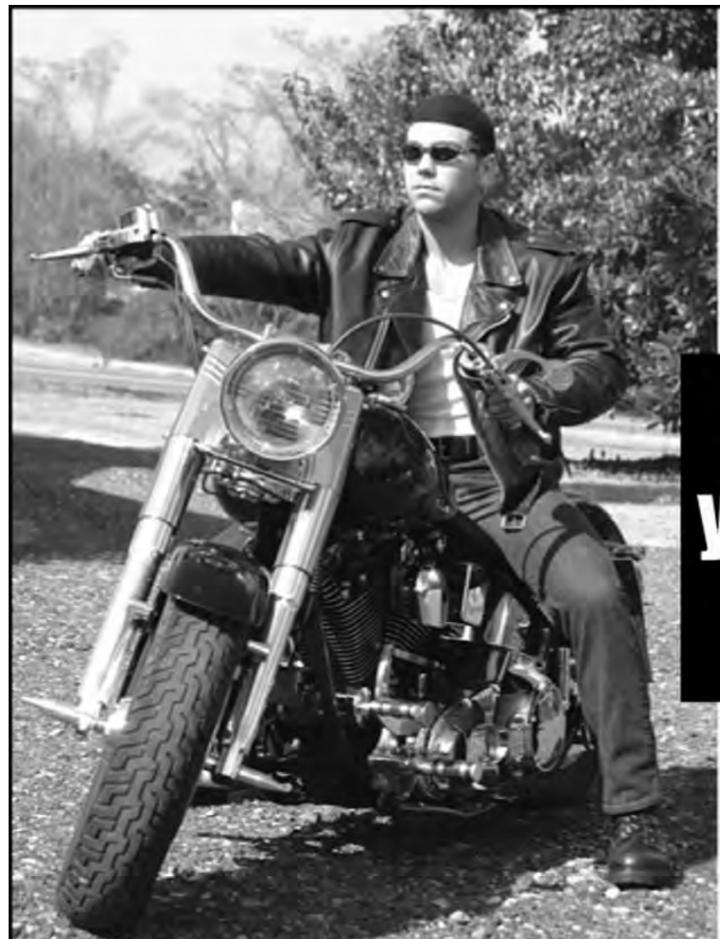
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