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**Alabama Wins!!!**

By Taylor Reed, Sports Writer

The University of Alabama-Huntsville men's basketball team started 2013 off with a bang, picking up its second real win against conference foes Valdosta St. and West Florida last weekend.

"The Tide dominated throughout," said head coach Josh Magette. "We were meant to be. This was our year.

Alabama became the first team ever to repeat as BCS champions as they dismantled Notre Dame in Miami.

What was anticipated to be one of the most memorable matchups between two of the most decorated programs in college football turned out to be the second biggest blowout in National Championship history. In an all too familiar sight, the Tide dominated and won their third trophy in just four years. The game was over in less than three minutes as Alabama mounted the largest drive of the season against Notre Dame. From that moment on the Crimson Tide was on their way to their fourth title.

Thursday's Weather: Overcast

High: 68 Low: 61
Fiscal Cliff
By Nicolas Neely
Staff Writer

The U.S. nearly fell off the fiscal cliff as President Obama and Senate Democrats, following weeks of December negotiating with Republi cans, came to an agreement and averted the $85 billion in automatic tax increases and spending cuts that were set to go into effect on Jan. 1.

Numerous tax breaks and provisions that were set to expire this year, and mandatory government spending cuts, would have triggered, potentially delaying the nation's economic recovery. The agreement that was reached by lawmakers and President Obama on New Year's Day includes a two-month extension of the Bush-era tax cuts for income levels below $450,000 without requiring spending cuts, but it also includes an extension of the payroll tax cut for two months.

By Lucas Stewart
Staff Writer

Though the state of Alabama is one of the least successful in the United States when it comes to funding road projects, it still has one of the highest number of streets in the nation. The state's Department of Transportation (ADOT) has been working on a $1.2 billion project to upgrade the state's infrastructure, and has set aside $500 million of that money for road improvements.

The new law, resulting from an agreement between Republican Senator Al Añez and Democrat Jim Webb, would allow the state to increase its spending by up to $1000 for all uninsured drivers who are caught driving without auto insurance. Drivers who are caught would be subject to fines of up to $2500, and if caught even once can be drastically increased.

New Alabama Laws Crack Down on Uninsured Motorists
By Claudia Mesnll-Baez
Staff Writer

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Where: UAH Slab

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WOW!
By Holly Sheldon
Staff Writer

UAHealthcare's Walk of Wellness will return on Jan. 12, and with new rules in place, all employees can benefit.

The walk is being held to encourage employees to walk or run on campus and will take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All employees are encouraged to take part in the event.

Some changes include: a new entry form, a new route, and a new registration process. Employees can sign up for the event online at the MyUAHealthcare website or by contacting the Wellness Department.

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Les Miserables Wows Audiences, Generates Oscar Buzz
By Gage Smythe, Managing Editor

For fans of Victor Hugo's epic novel turned musical, "Les Miserables", the film adaptation directed by Tom Hooper provides them with another reason to celebrate Christmas. Since the play's debut in the 19th century, it has been adapted several times for the screen, making it the most frequently filmed work of literature in history. As a result of the film's huge success, Hugo's classic novel is sure to receive at least one Academy Award nomination for Best Picture.

The film has been a box office success, taking in more than $315 million in its opening weekend. Analysts are predicting that the film will gross more than $500 million worldwide.

The story follows the life of Jean Valjean, a former convict who is released from prison and becomes a successful businessman. However, he is pursued by the ruthless Inspector Javert, who is determined to bring him to justice.

The film's lead actors, Hugh Jackman and Russell Crowe, are praised for their performances. Jackman is nominated for Best Actor for his portrayal of Valjean, while Crowe is nominated for Best Supporting Actor for his role as Javert.

The film's soundtrack, featuring songs from the Broadway musical, has also been a hit. The songs, including "I Dreamed a Dream," "On My Own," and "A Little Fall of Snow," have all become popular hits.

Les Miserables has been celebrated by critics, who have praised the film's direction, acting, and music. The film has received high ratings from major film critics, with many giving it four or five stars.

Overall, Les Miserables is a powerful and emotional film that is sure to please fans of the musical and the novel alike. It is a story of redemption and hope, and it reminds us of the power of love and forgiveness. Whether you are a fan of the musical or just enjoy a good story, Les Miserables is a must-see film.
Chargers continue success into new year
By Andy Donovon, Sports Reporter

The University of Alabama Huntsville men's basketball team started 2013 off with a bang picking up last-second road wins against conference foes Valdosta State and West Florida last weekend.

"The guys' first Gulf South Conference road trip brought them to Valdosta State, our most difficult venue for opposing teams in the conference. UAH has had most success in Valdosta, winning their last two contests against the Blazers. However the Blazers were determined to change that trend and showed it early. UAH showed it early. VSU brought their best punch, and played their way into a 16-point lead with only 13 minutes left to play. With their backs against the wall, UAH responded with their best play of the season. The Blue and White went on a 16-0 run, led by 8 of senior forward Xavier Baldwin to end the first half. The win was a huge boost," said Junior forward Conner Blasi.

The Blue and White will re- sume conference play on Thurs day, Jan. 10 against Christian Brothers University. The game will be played on UAH's cam pus in Spragle Hall.

The Chargers continue success into new year
By Jeff Carr, Sports Writer

One hundred and thirteen days ago Alabama's best football players left Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on their way to Kentucky. They were winding down one hundred and thirteen days ago Alabama fans had a shock the entire month of December, the Clipper a shock to the holiday season that literally did not lose.

Pierre LeBrun, NHL re- porter for ESPN and TSN in Canada said in a report that fans will start to see the ab- beviated preparations for the short season. "Practicing camps will open soon and here in a few weeks the first games will be played.

There are also questions aris ing about current NHL commissioner Gary Bett man who has now seen three lockouts in his tenure. He was widely criticized when this locke presented its first CBA proposal to the players' association in July is which the players felt very insulted.

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NFL Playoffs: Wild Card Round
By Christopher Howard, Sports Reporter

The NFL's 32 teams are divided into eight divisions, and the eight with the best records advance to the playoffs. The Wild Card round is the first of three rounds of the playoffs, and it's the first time that a team has played in the playoffs since 1999.

In the NFC, the No. 5 seed Atlanta Falcons beat the No. 6 seed Cincinnati Bengals, 30-27. The Falcons scored 24 points in the fourth quarter, and the Bengals' 14-0 lead was never close. The Falcons are now 1-0 in the playoffs.

In the AFC, the No. 3 seed New England Patriots beat the No. 6 seed Buffalo Bills, 34-13. The Patriots scored 24 points in the third quarter, and they held the Bills to 15 points. The Patriots are now 2-0 in the playoffs.

The Patriots and Falcons will play in the divisional round on Saturday, Jan. 17, with the winner advancing to the conference championship game.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 10
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SPRAGINS HALL LOBBY
Reviewing inaugural history

By ROBERT S. BOYD
McGraw-Newspaper

Inaugurals are a mixture of pomp, pageantry and gravity, the American equivalent of a coronation. Their rituals are laden with symbols of national purpose, continuity and unity. For 230 years, they have marked the peaceful transfer of power, a feat few other countries have achieved.

Presidents have linked with the ceremony to reflect their personal style and all the circumstances.

There’ve been top hats and bare heads, cheers and boos along parade routes, sturdy rails in the White House, poets and preachers, brilliant sunshine and bitter cold, gaudy balloons and tragic circumstances.

A solemnity that has fostered a sense of awe and self-government has marked inaugurations in all of its rites and rituals.

The heart of the affair is the inaugural oath, first recited by George Washington on the balcony of New York City’s Federal Hall, the original seat of government, on April 30, 1789.

The 35-word oath is prescribed in the Constitution, but Washington added the phrase “So help me God” and placed his left hand on a Bible hastily borrowed from the custom’s Lodge on Wall Street. Most later presidents have followed the founding father’s precedent.

Washington’s successor, John Adams, took the oath in Philadelphia’s Independence Hall. Thomas Jefferson did it in the new Senate chamber in the District of Columbia in 1801. James Monroe moved the ceremony outside to the east front of the Capitol in 1817.

It remained there until 1861, when Ronald Reagan switched it to the Capitol’s west front as a giant soap prop for his inaugural.

Sub-zero temperatures drove Reagan inside the Capitol building in 1985 for his second oath-taking and forced the cancellation of his parade, disappointing 12,000 marchers, 66 Doan and 57 bands.

Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson showed their common touch by advancing curtains and walking up to Capitol Hill to be sworn in. Jimmy Carter delighted the crowd by armoring the Secret Service by leaving his armored limousine at the Newseum and strolling down Pennsylvania Avenue with his wife and children to the White House. Both Bushes, the Clintons and the Obamas walked part of the way at their inaugurations as well.

Until Benjamin Harrison’s 1889 inauguration, the parades usually moved up the hill to the Capitol. Since then, they’ve flowed down the hill past the White House reviewing stand.

President Herbert Hoover, left, and President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt ride to the U.S. Capitol for Roosevelt’s inauguration in Washington, D.C., in March 1933.

Some grand parades lasted well into darkness.

After his 1829 parade, Andrew Jackson opened the White House to thousands of his hungry and thirsty followers, who tracked in mud, broken windows and wrecked furniture. After Lincoln’s second inaugural in 1865, sturdy guards stood silver and drabber.

There’ve been awkward moments between incoming and outgoing presidents. Adams boycotted Jefferson’s inauguration in 1801. Ulysses Grant refused to ride in the same carriage as Andrew Johnson in 1869. Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt drove to the Capitol in chilly silence in 1933.

Not all inaugurations have been joyous occasions. Andrew Johnson took the oath in his burnished new day the day after Lincoln’s assassination in April 1865. In 1961, Thomas Jefferson was sworn in Buffalo, N.Y., where William McKinley had died earlier that day.

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