



FOOTBALL IS OVER

After the Super Bowl is over, football season has officially ended. National Signing Day for college football has passed and the speculation for next year's season will begin. I enjoy football games, but I am ready for the season to end by now. I'm not a big pro football fan, but I always enjoy high school and college games. Knowing the players on the field makes it much more enjoyable for me to watch.

Recently I read some famous football quotes that I thought you might enjoy.

They really "tickled my funny bone."

- "The man who complains about the way the ball bounces is likely to be the one who dropped it." -Lou Holtz
- "When you win, nothing hurts." -Joe Namath
- "Son, you've got a good engine, but your hands aren't on the steering wheel." -Bobby Bowden
- "It isn't necessary to see a good tackle. You can hear it." -Knut Rockne
- "We didn't tackle well today, but we made up for it by not blocking." -Wilson Matthews
- "I made my practices real hard because if a player is a quitter, I want him to quit in practice, not in a game." -Paul "Bear" Bryant
- "Lads, you're not to miss practice unless your parents died or you died." -Frank Leahy
- "I never graduated from Iowa, but I was there for two terms - Truman and Eisenhower's." -Alex Karras
- "Always remember... Goliath was a 40 point fa-

vorite over David." -Shug Jordan

- "Three things can happen when you throw the ball, and two of them are bad." -Darrrell Royal
- "We're little, but we're slow, too." -Paul "Bear" Bryant (This team won the national championship.)
- "Football is like life, it requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority." -Vince Lombardi
- "Motivation is simple... You eliminate those who are not motivated." -Lou Holtz
- "You can learn more character on the two-yard line than anywhere else in life." -Paul Dietzel
- After USC lost 51-0 to Notre Dame, his postgame message to his team: "All those who need showers, take them." -John McKay
- "My advice to defensive players: Take the shortest route to the ball and arrive in a bad humor." -Bowden Wyatt
- "I've found that prayers work best when you have big players." -Knut Rockne

Even though he isn't a player or a coach, I enjoyed Jay Leno's quote the best. "I wanted to have a career in sports, when I was young, but I had to give it up. I'm only six feet tall, so I couldn't play basketball. I'm only 190 pounds, so I couldn't play football. I have 20/20 vision, so I couldn't be a referee."

Hope you enjoy today's recipes. Thanks for reading.

PASTA CHICKEN SALAD



Keep it small, and budget for it

Dear Dave,

I'm trying very hard to get out of debt. I have my beginner emergency fund in place, and I'm living on a monthly budget. Is it okay to include a little wallet cash in my budget at this point, just in case?

Andrew

Dear Andrew,

It's probably not going to throw you off too much in terms of getting out of debt if you budget \$20 or so, just to have some cash in your wallet. I wouldn't recommend much more than that, though. The idea of having \$50, \$100, or \$200 in walking around money is pretty self-defeating when you're supposedly saving, budget-

ing, and working hard to get out of debt.

What really matters is the amount of pocket money you allow yourself to have.

Think of it as a safety valve. Sometimes things come up in the course of day-to-day life that are just necessary, unexpected expenses—but not emergencies. Just designate a small amount of cash for it as part of your regular, monthly budget, and stick to that amount!

—Dave

Emergency fund first, then investing

Dear Dave,

Do you think I should stop making contributions to my 401(k) for a year, so I can save up an emergency fund? I'm 28, and debt-free, but I don't have anything saved

1 (12 oz.) pkg. thin spaghetti, cooked and drained
1 Tbsp. seasoning salt
1 Tbsp. Accent
4 Tbsp. vegetable oil
3 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 small onion, chopped
1 bell pepper, chopped
1 (5 oz.) jar salad olives, chopped
1 (2 oz.) jar chopped pimientos
3 cups cooked, chopped chicken
1 cup mayonnaise

Combine spaghetti, salt, Accent, oil, lemon juice and refrigerate overnight. Just before serving, add onion, bell pepper, olives, pimientos, and chicken. Toss with mayonnaise.

CHICKEN CHEESE SOUP

4 cups cooked chicken breast (about 4 large)
3 ½ cups water
2 cans condensed cream of chicken soup
1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
1 (15 oz.) can diced potatoes, drained
1 (16 oz.) pkg. Velveeta, cubed

In a Dutch oven, combine the first 5 ingredients. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, cover and simmer for 8 – 10 minutes. Stir in cheese and stir until melted – do not boil.

HERBED CRESCENT ROLLS

½ stick butter, melted
1 (.7 oz) pkg. Italian dressing mix

1 (8 oz.) pkg. crescent rolls

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine melted butter and dressing mix. Brush crescent roll triangles with mixture and roll into crescent shapes. Bake for 8 – 10 minutes.

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for emergencies.

Bryan

Dear Bryan,

If you're debt-free and making decent money at your job, it shouldn't take a whole year to set aside an emergency fund. Just make it a priority in your monthly budget. And yes, my advice to you is temporarily stop making contributions to your 401(k) until you have a fully-funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses.

I recommend people stop investing, or wait to start investing, until they are debt-free except for their home and have a fully-funded emergency fund in place. In some cases, depending on how much debt they have, it can take two or three years to do all this. I know that seems like a long time, but in the grand scheme of things it's

Health officials monitoring Coronavirus outbreak No cases in Mississippi, but health system is preparing

Press Release

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) is closely monitoring the coronavirus outbreak and is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and partners within the state health system to ensure Mississippi is prepared if we do get a case in the state.

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, in late December. The virus has quickly spread in China with several thousand cases, and additional cases have now been confirmed in a growing number of other international locations, in-

cluding the United States.

In the U.S., there have been a total of six cases of the virus reported with more than 100 under investigation as possible cases. The risk of transmission of this virus in the U.S. is low. So far, Mississippi has no persons under investigation or confirmed cases.

"This is a rapidly evolving situation, but it's important to note that the immediate risk to the Mississippi public is low at this time. We need to be prudent and monitor the situation, work with the CDC, and continue working with our healthcare systems throughout the state," said State Health Officer Thomas

Dobbs, MD. "There should be more concern in preventing the spread of seasonal flu than this coronavirus right now. We are in peak season and the flu is highly infectious."

Those who could be at risk are those who have recently traveled to China, especially the Wuhan City area, in the past two to 14 days or those who have had close contact with someone who is a confirmed case or a case under investigation.

Symptoms of coronavirus mostly include flu-like illness such as fever, cough, and congestion.

Currently, the CDC recommends that travelers avoid nonessential travel to China.

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DURANT NEWS by Rowena Hill

Mr. Carl McLellan has returned home after spending time with his mother. Sympathy is extended to the family Hugh Carl McLellan, who recently passed away. He will be missed by many people.

The former train depot is beginning to look better after months of repairs. Wish for a much needed cafe in there or someplace in the area.


Welcome home Mrs. C.H. (Dot) Blanton after spending some time with daughter, Beth and family in Arkansas.

We are very thankful to have the cafe on 51 highway open on the weekends. It's been there for several years but a cafe is needed for every day.

We are enjoying Rev. and Mrs. Ed McDaniel filling in at First Baptist Church. Wish we could keep them but they live in the Madison area. Thank God they are willing to drive up for Sunday and Wednesday services. They are loved by a large number

of Durant families and are very thankful they are here.

The First Baptist Church congregation is very thankful for Matthew Breazeale because of all he is doing as deacon while we are without a pastor. We are also very thankful for our new interim music director. He teaches at Holmes Community College and is now choir director at First Baptist Church.



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