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The new face of food stamps: Working-age Americans

Food stamps are now an $80 billion-a-year program — twice what it cost five years ago

by KEN SEIM
• Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a first, working-age people now make up the majority of U.S. households that rely on food stamps — a switch from a few years ago, when children and the elderly were the main recipients.

Some of the change is the recession, which has tilted toward hiring since 2009 to 2010. Even

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Brain-dead Texas woman taken off life support

by SOPHIA PEDINOTTI
• Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — A public battle over the fate of a brain-dead woman who was on a ventilator ended quietly and precisely as the two

taken off the support and her family began preparing for her burial.

Erica Rowe, 34, died at a Fort Worth complaint Sunday with a judge's order to pull her life-sustaining treatment

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Plains United Methodist Church to host ground hog supper

• Special to the Leader & Times

The Plains United Methodist Men's ground hog supper is set for Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Adults will enjoy a pork supper with sides and pie. Pre-purchased pork loins in Plains if anyone cares to pick up a loin.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for ages 6 to 12. Children under 6 are free.

A bake sale offering is requested for the meal.

Tickets are also available for early purchase at a discount. Just call the church office at 620-563-7554, Dave Davis at 620-563-7554, Mark Compton at 563-6857 or Dave Davis at 563-6857.

Early purchase items need to be picked up and paid for by Tuesday.

Proceeds will go toward the church's mission and community organizations.

For further information check with Chris Davis at 620-563-7554.

Obama set to announce 'practical' agenda focusing on immigration, income equality

• Associated Press

President Obama is expected in his annual address Tuesday to detail what he calls "practical" proposals to advance the country in 2014 in areas such as income inequality and the nation's immigration system.

The Times will also make clear his intention to use his executive powers to achieve his goals when Congress fails to pass legislation.

Aides to Obama have been hinting at addressing the presidential agenda. White House senior advisor Dan Pfeiffer told "Face the Nation" that Obama is "prepared to engage the Republican Congress aggressively."

Obama is in effort to avoid the appearance of being a lame duck president. He is expected in the State of the Union address to press Congress to extend long-term unemployment benefits, a key concern of Americans that they are better off with Obama Care, despite a rocky start to the enrollment.

White House Press Secretary Jay Carney told ABC's "This Week" that 2014 will be an "active year" and that Obama's signature health care law will be a "vehicle" to expand access to quality and affordable health insurance to millions of Americans, and reducing the growth in health care costs.

Still, the president will have to convince Americans considering a recent ABC poll shows that 29 percent of them disapprove of the law. Nearly 40 percent of Americans and to counter Republicans' midterm election promises of singling out and dismantling Obama Care. Meanwhile, a Gallup poll last week also showed 19 percent of voters surveyed express the law itself, a record high.

Obama is also likely to face a test of his mettle of if he refuses to acknowledge that his own policies have failed to work, the president has been trying to set out a new agenda for Americans against another group of Americans, the Tea Party Black Rifles, said Tuesday.

He also suggested the 2014 GOP agenda would be "practically" the same as Republicans' agenda, which he called "a lot that's fundamentally flawed."

Obama, Carney said, told CNN's State of the Union that the White House is ready to "take on every issue" towards which he is focused.

"And I think it does have a certain amount of practicality to it," he said.

A lot is riding on the president's prime time remarks that are expected to be seen by roughly 30 million TV viewers.

Obama will also use the speech to remind any members of Congress not in poor already

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In this Feb. 12, 2013, file photo, President Barack Obama is seen from the front of the lectern during a joint session of Congress in Capitol Hill in Washington. White House officials believe the State of the Union address on Tuesday, he will just serving out his own agenda, but also will be opening salvo in the yearlong fight for control of the House of Representatives, politically perilous, as Republicans and Democrats begin will appeal to voters across the nation. Obama will devote his first attention in the second term to what government can do to boost middle class mobility and reduce income inequality. AP photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais

$22,000 worth of eggs stolen in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A thief in Puerto Rico stole more than $22,000 worth of chicken eggs.

Police said 7.5 tractor-trailer loads were unloaded at a warehouse where thieves stole more than $22,000 worth of chicken eggs. They didn't specify exactly how many eggs are in five running dozen.

Officers said Friday that a refrigerated truck parked in a distribution center in the south-central town of Utuado was taken along with the eggs inside.

Authorities said the truck was worth $75,000.

Odd call: Blowing nose brings big buck running

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The best hunter figured meeting bad luck was the one who blew his nose while he was brought a big buck running.

Rex Manning of Hinds County said he was hunting Jan. 12 when he heard a noise over anything like what happened earlier this month — someone blowing his nose a short but audible distance away. Manning quickly put down his gun and called the Channel Ledger.

On Jan. 10, he said, he suffered a volley of nasal sneezes in 10 minutes.

He tried to muffle the noise by his elbow but figured he had no chance of a buck. He ran to hunt. So he went for the buck.

The next thing he knew, "a 17-inch, 8-point buck came out of the woods," he said. He had the one last buck. He even glared over and the last standing up on his back. Obviously, I said something to upset him because he ran off," he said. Manning's comment continues. He came to running.

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Rex Manning of Hinds County, Miss., has bagged a buck in 10 years, but what he experienced recently sent everything he's seen. Special to the Leader Ledger

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