SEIZING THE DAY

Daring Villager celebrates 74th birthday with skydive

BY JENNA GREENE

On Sept. 23, Marion Cookley, of the Village of Stillbrook, jumped to the ground to celebrate her 74th birthday at Sky Dive Illinois.

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Top: Marion Cookley, of the Village of Stillbrook, makes a tandem skydive jump on Nov. 11. Cookley was celebrating her 74th birthday at Sky Dive Illinois. Above: Cookley laughs at her home today as she talks about her skydiving experiences.

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WASHINGTON

NO COMPROMISE: DEBT PANEL POISED TO ADOPT FAILURE

Supercommittee unable to strike deal on proposed spending cuts, tax increases

By ANDREW TAYLOR

WASHINGTON — A special, 12-member supercommittee is poised to recommend inflicting automatic cuts of $1.2 trillion on the economy, including $1.1 trillion in spending cuts, in the wake of the failure of the supercommittee to agree on an alternative deal. The panel was formed after the government failed to reach an agreement on how to cut taxes and spending to raise enough revenue to prevent interest rates from rising by an estimated $34 billion a year.

Members of the bipartisan panel, formed during the summer crisis over raising the government’s borrowing limit, have until Sunday to propose a $1.2 trillion automatic cut to the budget. The cuts would be divided roughly equally between spending and revenue.

By MARYLAU ZAPRUDNER and MARY ANN KARE

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PROTECTING MEMORIES

USF Health launches comprehensive approach to battle Alzheimer’s

By CURT HILL

USF Health

Tampa

Tampa Bay — Three steps off the elevator onto the second floor and recalling the elevator isn’t an issue.

The words dealing with memory are on the walls and define a jour- nalistic mission, "Medical Alzheimer’s in a U.S. environment."

While the paintings on the wall are on the second floor, the goal of the mission is to understand Alzheimer’s disease and its impact on the community.

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Today’s Charity, "U.S. Medical Alzheimer’s Institute".

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EMMY AWARDS

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event and enlisted several friends to go along. One of those christened colors was Coakley’sArgentina fan hat, which she wore, and her companions were also skydiving enthusiasts.

“What a thrill,” she said. “When you have something you’ve wanted to do your whole life and then it actually happens, you don’t want to miss it.”

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provides comprehensive care — including research, technology, teaching and patient care under one roof.

“It’s absolutely fabulous. I just wish it would have been here when I really needed it,” said Tanton.

But she knows there will be other daughters needing a place for their parents to go when their parents are ready to deal with Alzheimer’s.

“You don’t always get to see a dream fulfilled, but this is a big one come true,” she said.

USF Health Byrd Alzheimer’s Institute will provide clinical assessment, research and education to patients, and their caregivers, across the state and beyond. The brand-new facility is expected to see its first patient Dec. 1.

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