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KENTUCKY CUP VAULTING

# Back off the saddle again



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Shannyn Poer of Venice Beach, Calif., rode Giovanni on Thursday, the first day of the Kentucky Cup for Vaulting.

## VAULTING: DRAMATIC AND A BIT ACROBATIC

By Amy Wilson  
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In the rollout of test events for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, this weekend's Kentucky Cup event at the Kentucky Horse Park is tough to describe. Unlike last week's reiners, who were cowboys cutting cattle minus the cattle, this is vaulting, which takes more words. "I usually pull out pictures," says Megan Benjamin, the first female American to take a world championship

in the sport of vaulting when she won gold at Aachen, Germany, in 2006, stunning the traditionally dominant Germans. So here goes: Vaulting starts with tall, velvet-coated, smooth-walking horses whose job is to keep a three-beat canter while they carry a working gymnast/dancer (or two or more). The horse and the rider together dazzle with their impossibly

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Tasha Thorner of the Mt. Eden Sun Team of Saratoga, Calif., worked through her team competition in the test event for the World Equestrian Games.

# 'Clunkers' program is halted

## Deals exhaust fund in 4 days

By Justin Hyde  
 Detroit Free Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government will suspend the popular cash-for-clunkers program after less than four days in business, telling Congress that the plan would burn through its \$950 million budget by midnight Thursday, several sources told the Detroit Free Press.

The Michigan delegation was holding an emergency meeting convened by Rep. John Dingell, the Dearborn Democrat, to discuss their next steps.

The Associated Press, citing congressional officials

speaking on condition of anonymity, reported that the Transportation Department called lawmakers' offices to alert them to the decision to suspend the program at midnight Thursday.

The U.S. Department of Transportation did not immediately comment on its plans for the program, or what would happen to deals in progress. The decision to suspend the plan came after auto dealers warned the government Thursday that it was in danger of losing track of how many trades had been made.

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President Barack Obama, right, and Vice President Joe Biden, left, had a beer in the Rose Garden Thursday with scholar Henry Louis Gates, second from left, and police Sgt. James Crowley.

# Beer summit proves productive

## BUT NO APOLOGIES AT 'CORDIAL' MEETING

By Margaret Talev  
 McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Different suds for different buds?

Each man's beer of choice was respectfully made available in glass mugs for their meeting at a table on the White House South Lawn Thursday evening: Bud Light for President Barack Obama, Sam Adams Light for Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, and Blue Moon for Cambridge, Mass., police Sgt. James Crowley.

Vice President Joe Biden joined the group with a glass of Buckler, a non-alcoholic

beer. As Obama likes to say, they could disagree without being disagreeable.

However, the high-profile happy hour with an elite black professor, a white cop and the nation's biracial president and white vice president won't erase the tensions that led to it. Despite Obama's election, Americans at all levels of society still struggle with racial friction.

Crowley, speaking afterward with reporters at the

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### 'It's as good a news as we can get'

Baby A.J.'s parents say he is improving and expect to take him home within the week. City | Region, B1

# Health care bill trudges forward, amid grudges

By Erica Werner  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats methodically pushed ahead with a compromise health overhaul Thursday over liberals' complaints, intent on achieving tangible — if modest — success on President Barack Obama's top domestic priority ahead of a monthlong summer recess.

"We've got to pass the bill. Not only do we have to, but we're going to," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, the last of three House committees to act on the sweeping legislation.

Across the Capitol, there was more delay as bipartisan Senate negotiators

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