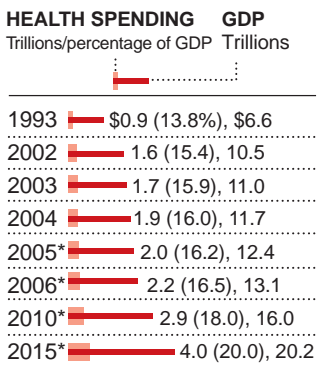


NEWS/OBITUARIES

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Outpacing the GDP

By 2015, health-care spending is estimated to double from 2005 projections of \$2 trillion to \$4 trillion, consuming 20 percent of the GDP.



*Projected
NOTE: Gross Domestic Product measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States.

SOURCE: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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National Health Statistics Group. Then, health care flattened out at 13 percent of gross domestic product.

Overall, the analysts forecast a 7.2 percent annual increase in health-care costs over the coming decade. That's in line with the 7.4 percent increase in 2005.

Still, the overall economy is projected to grow at a rate of only 5.1 percent over the coming decade, which means health care will play an ever-growing role.

"These changes could force payers and providers to re-examine fundamental questions regarding the delivery and financing of health-care services," the analysts said.

Another trend within the new government projections is an ever-growing reliance on the government to foot the bill for health care. By the end of the next decade, the government will pay for about half of the nation's medical costs.

Overall, the most important factor in health-care spending is income, the analysts said. As Americans make more money, they spend more to get healthy. People making \$90,000 are more likely to visit a doctor and get their prescriptions filled than those who make \$50,000, Poisal said.

Investment in research, equipment and people also drives the growth in health-care spending, he said.

"It's consumption and investment," Poisal said. "But primarily it's about consumption."

Medicare spending will more than double, from \$309 billion in 2004 to \$792 billion, in 2015. Medicaid spending will grow from \$293 billion to \$670 billion during the same time span.

The country's aging population is expected to drive increases in two areas of health-care spending: nursing homes and home health.

Spending on nursing homes will grow from \$121.7 billion in 2005 to \$216.8 billion in 2015. Home health will grow from about \$49 billion last year to \$103.7 billion in 2015.

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The Checkered Flag and filled the restaurant with his collection of NASCAR memorabilia, including a door from one of Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s cars, a speeding ticket Earnhardt got and autographed pictures.

A racing-themed restaurant is new to Franklin, and Baker said he wanted to give NASCAR fans a place where they could go to eat and surround themselves with racing items.

Conditions in the area are not currently great for business, but Baker anticipates that the area will pick up, especially with new businesses moving into the former ArvinMeritor building, he said.

Word of mouth is helping the restaurant too, manager Dottie Atwood said.

More people have learned about the restaurant since it opened Thursday, and more customers are starting to show up each day, Atwood said.

Breakfast and lunch are the busiest times, bringing in about \$400 to \$500 a day, Baker said. Dinner time is typically slow.

Lunch specials run from \$4.95 to \$5.95, and the most expensive item on the menu is a steak for \$7.95.

Atwood makes home-cooked country meals that include meat-loaf, lasagna, vegetables, soup, pies and steak. She also worked in the building years ago when it was a bar.

GREENWOOD James G. Ballard

James G. Ballard, 71, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin. He was a resident of Greenwood.

He was born March 9, 1934, in Allen County, Ky., to the late Ola and Iza (Rather) Ballard. He married Nancy Carol (Cooper) Ballard on Sept. 16, 1954. She lovingly survives. Other survivors include two daughters, Paula (Ernie) Huber of Franklin and Carla Brown of Greenwood; two sons, Kevin (Diane) Ballard of Carmel and Garry (Teresa) Ballard of Franklin; eight grandchildren, Graig Huber, Beth Hoing, Eric Brennan, Melissa Brennan, Cody Ballard, Hayden Ballard, Austin Cook and Lauren Ballard; a great-granddaughter, Grace Catherine Hoing; and two sisters, Beatrice Hughes of Indianapolis and Evelyne Williams of Scottsville, Ky. He was preceded in passing by a brother, Willie Ballard; and a son-in-law, Terry Brown.

He was a graduate of Allen County High School and Indiana Central College, which is now the University of Indianapolis.

He was employed by Chrysler Corp. in management for 34 years, retiring in 1989.

He was a member of the Legends of Indiana and the Franklin Elks Lodge No. 1818.

Jim coached Little League baseball for many years.

He enjoyed golfing and spending time with his grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

The Rev. Tom Blossom will conduct a service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 N. Morton St. in Franklin. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association, 9445 Delegates Row, Indianapolis, IN 46240-3805; American Cancer Society, 6030 W. 62nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46278; or American Heart and Stroke Association, 6100 W. 96th St., Indianapolis, IN 46278.

Online condolences may be made at www.flinnmaguire.com.

BARGERSVILLE Larry T. Collins

Larry T. Collins, 58, of Bargersville, passed away Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born April 12, 1947, at Methodist Hospital to Isaac Herbert and Velma (Glidden) Collins. He married Elaine (Francis) Collins on Aug. 31, 1968, at Mount Auburn United Methodist Church on Stones Crossing Road in Greenwood. She survives. Other survivors include two sons, Mathew Collins and his wife Tiffany of Raleigh, N.C., and Lance T. Collins of Bargersville; his mother, Velma (Glidden) Collins of Greenwood; a brother, Isaac Herbert Collins II of Dallas; a special brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dan and Edna Francis of Bargersville; a brother-in-law, Darrell Francis of Greenwood and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dwaine and Kathy Francis of Martinsville; father-in-law and mother-in-law, William and Elizabeth (Robards) Francis of Greenwood; and a niece, Kristen Collins of Dallas.

He was with Eli Lilly and Co. in Indianapolis for 23 years in the clinical research department.

He was a 1965 graduate of Southport High School and a 1971 graduate of the University of Indianapolis.

He was a member of Mount Auburn United Methodist Church on Stones Crossing Road and had served two years as president of the Center Grove Little League

and six years as president of Center Grove Bantam Football League. He was instrumental in the development of the Center Grove Bantam Football Field on Whiteland Road in White River Township, where one of the fields is named "Collins Field" in his honor. He also had served six years as president of the Center Grove Football Parents Club.

He served in the U.S. Army Reserve for six years.

The Rev. Ben Greenbaum will conduct a service at 11 a.m. Friday at Mount Auburn United Methodist Church, 3100 W. Stones Crossing Road in Greenwood. Friends may call from 3:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 1977 S. State Road 135 in Greenwood and from 10 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Entombment will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

Memorial contributions can be made to Center Grove Bantam Football League, in memory of Larry Collins, P.O. Box 353, Bargersville, IN 46106.



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missed by her family and friends. She attended Christ Fellowship Assembly Church in Edinburg.

Miss Gideon was an employee of Amos Molded Plastics for approximately 40 years in the finishing department. After retirement she cared for elderly people in their homes. In recent years, McDonald's employed her to help keep their lobby clean.

Dorothy enjoyed spending time with her family and loved going to church. Her nieces, great-nephews and many children will remember her for the quarters and dollars she gave them.

Talking on the phone and working word puzzles were two of her favorite pastimes.

Miss Gideon was born May 14, 1927, to David Everett and Monnie Mae (Warfield) Gideon in Edinburg. She is survived by her brother, Hubert Gideon and his wife, Joyce; two nieces, Linda (Carson) Scarbrough of Crandall, Ga., and Janet Burton of Taylorsville; a nephew, Ronald Dorsey of Tallahassee, Fla.; a brother-in-law, Willie Burton of Taylorsville; four great-nieces, Cheryl Vernon, Susan Hunt, Martha Sams and Christa Scarbrough; and many friends. Her parents and a sister, Melba I. Burton, preceded her in death.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Christ Fellowship Assembly Church in Edinburg with the Revs. Phyllis Burton and Carson Scarbrough officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the church. Burial will be at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburg.

Arrangements were made by Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburg.

WHITELAND Florence Lynn Harbert

Florence Lynn (Dickinson) Harbert, 88, of Whiteland, passed away Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, at Franklin United Methodist Community.

She was born Nov. 26, 1917, in Nineveh Township to Charles Murphy and Eeva Irene (Forsythe) Dickinson. She married Donald Russell Harbert on Feb. 16, 1938. He preceded her in death Sept. 27, 1999.

She was a longtime member of Whiteland United Methodist Church and was a 50-year member of Order of the Eastern Star Jubilee Chapter No. 602 in Whiteland, where she had served as secretary for 20 years. She also had served as worthy matron at Order of the Eastern Star Greenwood Chapter in 1959 and at Jubilee Chapter in 1974.

She had been a bookkeeper for the Clark-Pleasant Community School Corp. from Jan. 1, 1965, to Dec. 31, 1979.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Anne Evans of Brownsburg and Rebecca Sue Severs of Indianapolis; a son, Donald William Harbert of Whiteland; six grandchildren, Karen Lynn Parrott of Plainfield, Mark Alan Evans of Sugar Land, Texas, Nancy Gail Evans and Robert David Severs, both of Indianapolis, Shawn David Harbert of Fishers and Jeffrey Ryan Harbert of Greenwood; and five great-grandchildren, Alyssa Anne Parrott, Cole Walker Evans, Alison Lora Severs, Ashley Madison Severs and Josslynn Ryann Harbert. She also was preceded in death by her parents; a twin sister, Anna Laura George on July 26, 2002; and twin brother and sister, William Oliver Dickinson on Oct. 1, 1981, and Edith Margaret Weeks on Jan. 25, 1994.

Survivors include two daughters, Catherine E. (Ron) Ayers, Janet M. (Boyd) Nowlin and Barbara J. (Roger) Ponsler; two sisters, Albertha Brand and Patricia Stantz; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, August "Gus" and Catherine Harkema; and her husband, James F. Whitsett.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at Southport Baptist Church, 2901 E. Banta Road, in Indianapolis. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave. and from 10 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Burial will be at

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Memorial contributions may be made to Wheeler Mission, 245 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

GREENWOOD
Walter G. Wise

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The Rev. Cheryl Garbe will conduct a funeral service at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Morgantown United Methodist Church, 20 E. Washington St. in Morgantown. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Meredith-Clark Funeral Home, Cremation and Personalization Center, 179 E. Mulberry St. in Morgantown, and one hour before the service Thursday at the church. Military graveside rites will be conducted by Greenwood American Legion Post 252 Honor Guard at East Hill Cemetery in Morgantown.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

Online condolences may be made at www.meredith-clark.com.

Information: (812) 597-4670

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Memorial contributions may be made to Franklin United Methodist Community, Alzheimer's Advanced Care Unit, 1070 W. Jefferson St., Franklin, IN 46131; or Whiteland United Methodist Church, 309 Main St., Whiteland, IN 46184.

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R. Robert 'Bob' Whalen

R. Robert "Bob" Whalen, 78, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, at his residence in Greenwood.

He was born Feb. 7, 1928, to the late Richard and Florence (Slick) Whalen. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Emily Whalen; five children, Daniel (Linda) Whalen, Sharon (Bob) Barker, Judy Whalen, Mary Beth (Mike) McQueen and Shawn (Paul) Rothfuss; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three sisters and one brother.

Bob owned and operated Whalen Construction before retiring in 1986.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Entombment will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

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INDIANAPOLIS
Evelyn Jane Whitsett

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