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Shayli Daves strokes the hair of brother Shafer while siblings Sharayah, Shanel and Shaw play. Shafer has a disease that required the removal of both kidneys and a transplant from his mother. **DIPY VAQOYA / THE TENNESSEAN**

Siblings of sick kids need their own TLC

Medical providers address fears of 'forgotten' children

ANALYSIS

Parties locked in debt battle

Obama, Boehner face huge
task to forge compromise

By **David Lightman and William Douglas**
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The grand bargain to reduce the federal debt largely depends on whether President Barack Obama or House Speaker John Boehner blinks first.

Both have a history of compromise, and they've been bonding lately on the golf course and in private White House talks.

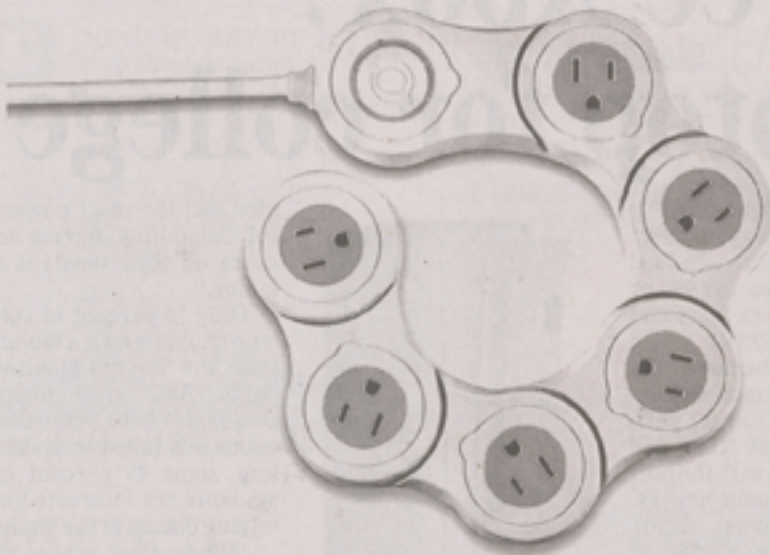
But their conciliatory natures are about to face a severe test. Can Boehner, despite a strong conservative voting record, satisfy more hard-core conservatives who are demanding that no taxes be increased? Can Obama cool the ire of liberals who want Social Security and Medicare protected?

"The key to their success will be in their relationship

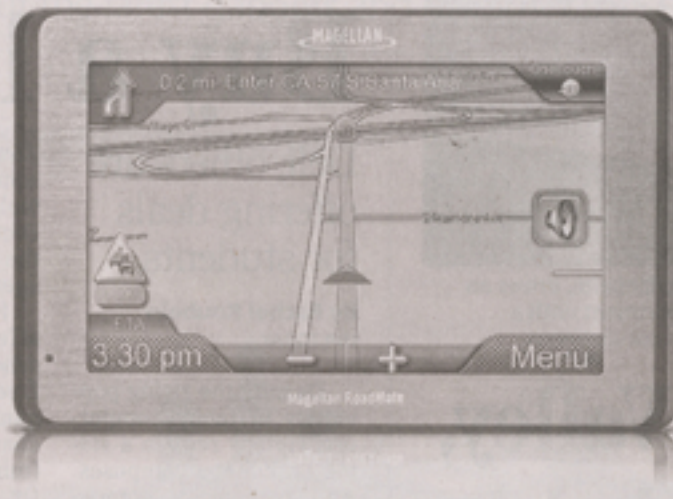


President Barack Obama, with House

TECH TALK



Adapting to big adapters is the genius of Pivot Power, an adjustable, six-pod electrical outlet that can be twisted like a pretzel into circular, semi-circular or zig-zag patterns to accommodate various sized adapters. It's available for about \$30 from quirky.com. GANNETT / FILE PHOTOS



Magellan's latest GPS device has built-in Wi-Fi connectivity that allows access to various social travel sites and online updates. The 5175T-LM Traveler GPS RoadMate model's 5-inch color touch screen can switch views by simply rotating the screen to portrait or landscape mode.

Mouse pad doubles as nice travel pouch

By Deborah Porterfield
Gannett

Need a safe place to store your portable mouse? Try stashing it in Smartfish Technologies' Mouse Pad Travel Pouch. When the pouch is unzipped, it functions as a mouse pad with a 9-inch diameter work area. When it's time to go, the pad can be zipped into a neoprene pouch that provides protection for your mouse. The pouch can be tucked into a bag or snapped onto the handle of a backpack. Available in blue and black, it costs about \$15.

www.getsmartfish.com

Light delivers safety bonus

You no longer have to strain your eyes to read a menu in a poorly lit restaurant. When the lighting is poor, the EPLI (Executive Precision Lighting Instrument) can shed light on hard-to-read documents. Made to resemble the look

and feel of a top-notch ink pen, the power of the light can be adjusted depending on your needs. At 10 lumens, it emits just enough light to read a menu in a dim room. Feeling threatened? You can set it on 160-lumen "strobe" to disorient an attacker. The personal protection LED flashlight from Brite-Strike has a suggested retail price of \$80 but can be bought for about \$50. It ships with two AAA alkaline batteries.

www.brite-strike.com/epli.html

GPS goes Wi-Fi

Not only can Magellan's latest GPS device get you to your destination, but its built-in Wi-Fi connectivity provides access to popular social travel sites and online updates. Equipped with a 5-inch color touch screen, the 5175T-LM Traveler GPS RoadMate model lets you know what is ahead or around the corner. To get another view, simply rotate

the screen to see the image in portrait or landscape mode. Priced at \$300, the model includes maps of the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. It can provide traffic updates and information about nearby attractions and restaurants.

www.magellangps.com

Power strip pivots

You can make room for big adapters on the handy Pivot Power, an adjustable electrical outlet that can be bent and twisted to accommodate different sized adapters. With six outlet pods, the surge protector's physical shape is adjustable into a circular, semi-circular or zig-zag pattern allowing you to keep an oversized adapter from blocking more than one slot. Available from quirky.com, an online site for inventors, it costs about \$30.

www.quirky.com

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The EPLI (Executive Precision Lighting Instrument) has the look and feel of a top-notch ink pen, yet the light can be adjusted from 10 lumens (enough to read in a dim room) to a 160-lumen "strobe" that could dissuade an assault. The Brite-Strike LED flashlight's suggested price is \$80, but it can be found for about \$50 with two batteries.



Think of Smartfish Technologies' Mouse Pad Travel Pouch as a portable mouse house. Unzipped, it functions as a mouse pad with a 9-inch-diameter work area. When ready to leave, simply zip the pad into a pouch that protects the mouse. It also can be attached to items with the snap of a button. It comes in black or blue for about \$15.

Payroll startup lands \$1M in funding

From staff reports

Tennessee Angel Fund, NCN Angel Fund and the Chattanooga Renaissance Fund, in partnership with a syndicate of key angel investors, have completed a \$1 million investment in Nashville startup Inova Payroll, officials said.

The capital investment from the group is in addition to \$3.2 million already raised by Inova Payroll, which will use the new money to better its growth opportunities.

The investment by Tennessee Angel Fund and its partners comes as part of the state of Tennessee's TNInvestco program, which is meant to spur venture capital spending and create jobs.

Inova Payroll was founded by Nashville entrepreneur Farsheed Ferdowsi, who has more than 30 years' experience in the payroll service outsourcing industry. Ferdowsi will be the company's president.

"We are extremely pleased to join this great group of investors in supporting Inova Payroll," said Sid Chambless, executive director of Nashville Capital Network and managing partner of Tennessee Angel Fund.

Among other factors, Chambless said Ferdowsi's and his executive team's ability to unveil a novel technology platform to aid with payroll and human resources services on behalf of clients drew his venture group's attention.