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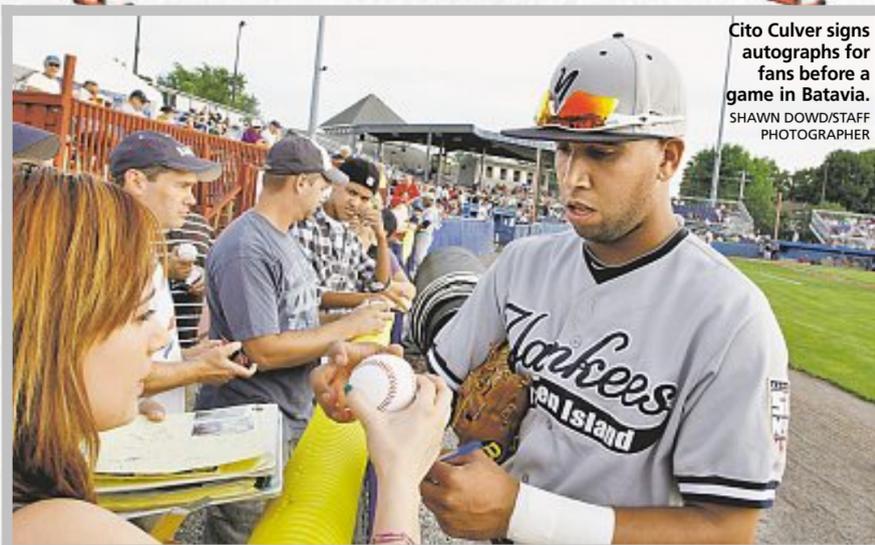
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BASEBALL » IRONDEQUOIT'S CITO CULVER

HE'S HAVING
A BALL



Cito Culver signs autographs for fans before a game in Batavia. SHAWN DOWD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

18-year-old prospect working his way up Yankees' ranks

JIM MANDELARO
Staff writer

BATAVIA — Cito Culver has a pretty cool summer job: Shortstop for the Staten Island Yankees of the Single-A, short-season New York-Penn League.

But it's not all fun and games.

The job runs from mid-June until early September. He has only four days off, and the bus trips are endless. He works mostly nights, and every

weekend.

The pay isn't much — the NY-P minimum is \$800 per month — and he stays in budget motels. He could be transferred to another city at any point.

But Culver has his eye on a much more lucrative summer job down the road: Shortstop for the New York Yankees. And that dream makes everything going on now worthwhile

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Cito Culver keeps an eye on the flight of his first pro home run on Wednesday in Batavia. SHAWN DOWD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ONLINE EXTRA

Click on this story at DemocratandChronicle.com to see a photo gallery and video featuring Cito Culver.

DEBT LIMIT

Boehner forced to put off vote on plan

Decision creates new turmoil as default looms

DAVID ESPO
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An intense endgame at hand, House Republican leaders put off a vote Thursday night on legislation to avert a threatened government default and slice federal spending by nearly \$1 trillion.

GOP leaders announced their decision after abruptly halting debate on the legislation and plunging into an intensive round of meetings with rebellious conservatives.

The decision created fresh turmoil as a divided government struggled to head off a default threatened after next Tuesday that would leave the Treasury without the funds needed to pay all its bills.

As the evening slipped by, the White House poked fun at Republicans led by Speaker John Boehner, who has become President Barack Obama's principal antagonist in a contentious era of divided government. And Senate Democrats pledged to scuttle the measure — if it ever got to them — to force a final compromise.

Boehner summoned a string of Republican critics of the bill to his office.

Asked what he and the speaker had talked about, Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., said, "I think that's rather obvious. ... There's negotiations going on."

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FALLOUT

No matter how the crisis ends, the economy is likely to take a hit. **5B**

HEALTH CARE » REPORT ON COSTS

Projected bill to average \$13,710 per person in 2020

RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's health care tab is on track to hit \$4.6 trillion in 2020, accounting for about \$1 of every \$5 in the economy, government number crunchers estimate in a report released Thursday.

How much is that? Including government and private money, health care spending in 2020 will average \$13,710 for every man, woman and child,

says Medicare's Office of the Actuary.

Compare it to this year, when U.S. health care spending is projected to top \$2.7 trillion, about \$8,650 per capita, or roughly \$1 of \$6 in the economy. Most of those dollars go to provide care for the sickest people.

Along with rising costs, the report found that the share of the health care tab paid by the government keeps growing, approaching half the total.

The update from Medicare economists and statisticians is an annual barometer of a trend that many experts say is unsustainable, but doesn't seem to be slowing. A political compromise over the nation's debt and deficits might succeed in tapping the brakes on health care, but polarized lawmakers have been unable to deliver a deal.

The analysis found that President Barack Obama's health care overhaul would only be a modest contributor to growing

costs, even though an additional 30 million otherwise uninsured people stand to gain coverage.

Instead, health care spending keeps growing faster than the economy because of high cost of medical innovations and an aging society that consumes increasing levels of service.

Many of the newly insured people under the health care law will be younger and

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