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37 readers have commented on "Lawmakers assess outlook for health-care reform."

**fc0l:** "I believe the majority of Americans not only want, but are desperate for health-care reform. It's a large part of why many chose to elect our current president."

**Graybeard:** "It isn't health care that needs reforming, but the costs associated with our health care. I think we all agree that we have some of the best care in the world available."

### MONDAY'S TOP 5

The most popular stories read online in the last 24 hours:

1. **Miller could be OU's X-factor:** On Oklahoma's point-a-minute offense, the real question mark exists at wide receiver.
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» **WAY BACK WHEN** Today in history

# 09.01

BY GENE CURTIS

### 1932

New York City Mayor James "Gentleman Jimmy" Walker resigned following 14 months of legislative investigation of charges of graft and corruption in his administration. Walker said he would submit his case to "the people who made me mayor, to the people of the city of New York."

### 1939

World War II began with Nazi planes bombing four cities in Poland and German leader Adolf Hitler proclaiming to his troops his intention of "meeting force with force." The Allies issued an ultimatum to Hitler: withdraw from Poland or France and Britain would declare war on the Reich. Hitler never even slowed down, and the declarations followed.

### 1923

Japan's two largest cities, Tokyo and Yokohama, were devastated by an earthquake that claimed about 150,000 lives. Tokyo's water system was destroyed and many buildings collapsed and were burning. Many boats sank in a tidal wave.

### 1983

A Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet fighter pilot after the airliner entered Soviet airspace and was tracked for 2 1/2 hours before it was hit with a missile, killing all 269 aboard, including 51 Americans. Earlier, it had been reported that the KAL plane had landed safely on the Soviet island of Sakhalin. The U.S. accused the Soviet Union of "calculated deliberate murder."



Adolf Hitler

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Kevin O'Sullivan was named MS Society's national Volunteer of the Year for his state and national service. STEPHEN HOLMAN/Tulsa World

# VALUED VOLUNTEER

## He's honored by National MS Society

BY MIKE AVERILL  
World Staff Writer

When Kevin O'Sullivan agreed to attend a multiple sclerosis fundraiser, he had no idea the impact it would have on his life.

"I said, 'Sure, what's MS?'" he said. That was in 1987. The following year, he was on the board of directors with the Oklahoma chapter, and since 2005 he's been on the national board of the National MS Society, serving on the executive committee. He held leadership positions on the national audit committee and the chapter relations committee.

For his 23 years of service with the Oklahoma chapter and his years on the national level, O'Sullivan was recently named the national Volunteer of the Year by the National MS Society.

"I never set out to do that. To be acknowledged by the volunteers, the chapter staff and the national staff, that's just humbling," he said. "Volunteers don't do things for themselves. They're trying to make an impact. Being singled out seems unfair, but it is a chance to bring awareness to the power of volunteering."

O'Sullivan, president and chief operating officer of Miratech Corp., doesn't have any family members with multiple sclerosis, although he has met many families and watched how they've addressed the disease over the decades.

"When I began to understand the disease, what attracted me to it was that there was no cure, no cause and it affected people in the 20 to 50 (age) range. Now

that range is 6 to 80 because technology allowed us to diagnose and get individuals with MS characteristics to specialists earlier," he said.

O'Sullivan said he felt his volunteer efforts were validated in 2006 when he met a young woman named Channing Barker, who was a Bishop Kelley High School student diagnosed with MS.

"Her attitude and approach to the disease and to life hit me. I don't think I could do that. I don't think I could have her positive outlook like that," he said. "I look at her as being the exact reason why my volunteer efforts are valuable."

O'Sullivan also has been in 21 consecutive Bike for MS events and raised more than \$20,000 each of the last two years.

Paula Cortner, president of the National MS Society, Oklahoma chapter, said many people with MS and those involved with the society admire and look up to O'Sullivan.

"Folks that don't even know him know who he is," she said. "To make such a connection across the country with all those people is incredible."

"Kevin is one of those rare individuals who has a vast sphere of influence, he listens because he cares, he advises because he is the type of critical thinker that every organization needs, and he raises up those around him because he is at the pinnacle of leadership," Cortner said. "He is a great example of one person reaching out and making a difference in the world around them."

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» **CALENDAR** Four-day outlook

# Ontap

## TUESDAY

### Dove season opens

It's the first day of Oklahoma's 70-day dove hunting season, which will continue through Nov. 9. The lone exception to the season's dates is in a portion of southwestern Oklahoma, where hunting is allowed Sept. 1 through Oct. 30 and Dec. 26 through Jan. 4. The daily limit for dove is 15. For more regulations, go online to [tulsaworld.com/wildlife](http://tulsaworld.com/wildlife). As always, make sure you have the owner's permission before hunting on private property.

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A mourning dove rests on barbed wire in southwest Oklahoma as others fly by. Dove season opens in Oklahoma on Tuesday.

KELLY BOSTIAN/Tulsa World

## WEDNESDAY

### Downtown Cineseries

Johnny Depp is an accountant on the run for murder in the 1995 flick "Dead Man," which will be screened at the Williams Greens — along Third Street between Boston Avenue and Main Street. The free film will follow a live music show by the Paul Benjamin Band, which starts at 7:30 p.m.

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## THURSDAY

### Elvis Costello and the Sugarcanes

His name is Elvis, and the English rocker is a king among musicians as a world-acclaimed songwriter and singer who has played with Roy Orbison, Paul McCartney, Lucinda Williams and many others.

Costello brings his new acoustic band, the Sugarcanes, to the Cain's Ballroom, 423 N. Main St., to play cuts from his new album, "Secret, Profane and Sugarcane." The show starts at 8 p.m., and tickets start at \$40.

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## FRIDAY

### Big night of football

Football season is here. The University of Tulsa plays its opening game of the 2009 season when it faces Tulane in New Orleans at 7 p.m. on ESPN (Cox Cable 25). The high schools also have a big night scheduled, including Broken Arrow at Union, Jenks at Bixby, Cascia Hall at Holland Hall and more. For a complete high school schedule, see page B6.

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**SICK KIDS:** A swine flu case is confirmed in an Owasso student. Other children in the region show flu symptoms. **A11**

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**SEASON STARTER:** This week marks the official start to the high school football season. **B1**

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