



Niki (Champ) Ewing '00 (marketing) and her husband, Brandon Ewing are proud to announce the birth of their twin sons, Tanner and Parker, on Oct. 26, 2008.



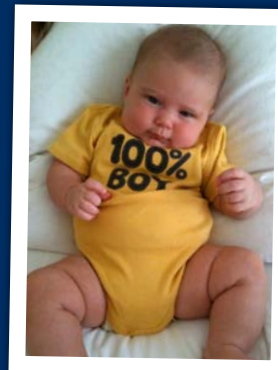
Jason Houston '95 (Journalism) and Ellen (Wofford) Houston '96 (Journalism) '05 M.A. (Counseling & Educational Psychology) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Eva Leigh on March 2, 2009. She joins big sister Lily Marie, 2.



Tracy (Benson) Shane '00 (animal science), '06M.S. (environmental and natural resource science) and her husband Ryan Shane '04 (environmental and natural resource management), '08M.S. (environmental and natural resource science) are very pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Anna Marie, on April 11, 2009.



Kristy (Barainca) Baker '94 (social work) and Brian Baker '95 (mechanical engineering) are happy to announce the birth of their son, Adam Keith on April 13, 2009.



Jamie (McKillop) Peterson '03 (education) and Jeff Peterson '07 (MBA) would like to announce the birth of their son, Evan, on June 12, 2009, he joins big sister, Ellie, 2.



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In these tough economic times it's always nice to save funds whenever possible. Right about now you are probably asking, "I'm doing everything I can, how can I possibly be more efficient in my everyday life?!" Do not fear, I shall help you get on

the right track. Here are some ideas I have come up with along with a few from friends who choose to be financially responsible right down to the last penny.

BEGINNERS:

- Don't waste money buying binoculars; simply stand closer to the object you wish to view.
- Clip supermarket coupons. Saving 30 cents here and 20 cents there quickly adds up to \$12 by the end of your life.
- Pets are expensive and hard to care for. Instead, start

naming the mice and insects that frequent your home.

- Only take your dates to Dutch restaurants. When the bill comes, casually explain that time-honored tradition and culture calls for the other person to pay their share.

INTERMEDIATE:

- Save money on water by only using the bathroom facilities at work. For advanced savers, learn to bathe in the sink at work, as well.
- Why buy hangers? Take the radio antennae off your co-workers' vehicles and bend them into the shape you need.
- Who needs a pesky professional stylist? Learn to cut your own hair. I recommend the buzz cut for its timeless simplicity. It's hard to mess up and don't worry ladies: you'll eventually get used to your new look.
- Dumpster diving for aluminum is risky and competitive. Instead, set out in your neighborhood each week before the recycling truck arrives, quickly collect all the cans that are waiting in the curbside bins, and turn them in yourself for profit.

ADVANCED:

- Can't afford contact lenses? Cut small circles out of saran wrap and press them into your eyes.
- Gas is pricey. Three or four times a week while commuting to work, turn off your car, turn on the hazards, and ask Good Samaritans for a push to the nearest exit.
- Many of us have old gift cards lying around for places we do not want to shop. Time to turn those into valuable cash. Go to those stores and ask each customer inside if they would consider buying them from you. Try to make the transaction before security throws you out.
- Men, invest in high heels, a wig, and some inexpensive makeup. Take advantage of ladies night at your favorite bar. You may look ugly to the untrained eye, but be confident in yourself because we all know that saving is sexy.

K-von '03 (marketing) is both a Nevada alum and comedian. He now performs standup comedy across the nation and is preparing for his fall '09 tour dates including an appearance in Reno during the University of Nevada, Reno's Homecoming week festivities. Be sure to check out K-von's schedule and look for a show near you on www.K-vonComedy.com