



## \$800 billion debt left for future generations

By the time you read this, the Senate and House will be duking it out over the details of the economic stimulus bill, trying to nail down how the government will spend somewhere between \$800 billion and \$900 billion it doesn't have.

There seems little doubt a bill will pass. President Obama has been out stumping for the stimulus package, which he considers a key part of the government response to the current recession. He's planned two campaign-style swings around the country and a prime-time press conference Monday.

And, after some compromise in the Senate, he has the votes in both houses.

The total probably will fall closer to the Senate's \$818 billion, but the actual amount matters little. It will be a terrible price to pay for a slightly faster recovery.

Since the government doesn't have the money, it'll have to print some. The resulting inflationary pressure could rip the economy apart a year or two down the road.

A coalition of conservative Democrats and "moderate" Republicans succeeded in stripping billions out of the Senate version this week, but when the two houses appoint a conference committee to settle differences in the bill, some of that is likely to come back.

Support is strong enough to pass some version, and the \$800 billion mark is not small. As Everett Dirksen, the late and much lamented senator from Illinois, is thought to have said, "A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking real money."

Or at least, printing real money.

Not everyone was ready to jump on the bandwagon. Sen. John McCain, the Arizona Republican who ran against Mr. Obama, denounced the plan as "generational theft," buying a bit of prosperity today at the price of even larger debts for our grandchildren to pay.

"We're laying multitrillion dollars of debt on future generations of Americans," McCain said on CBS. "I can't support such a thing."

Sen. Richard Shelby, an Alabama Republican, also refused to support the measure.

"We are going down a road to financial disaster," he said Sunday on CNN. "Everybody on the street in America understands that."

"This is not the right road to go. We'll pay dearly."

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office reported last week that the stimulus measure, in its current form, should create between 1.3 million and 3.9 million jobs by the end of 2010, lowering a projected unemployment rate of 8.7 percent by up to 2.1 percentage points.

But the office warned that the long-term effect of that much government spending over the next decade could "crowd out" private investment, lowering long-term economic growth forecasts by 0.1 to 0.3 of 1 percent by 2019.

While the center coalition in the Senate succeeded in stripping out some of the worst "pork barrel" provisions, there's plenty left, from roads to schools to "green" projects. The bill passed the Senate 61-36. Until the compromise, the Democrats did not have the votes to shut off debate on the Senate floor.

The few billion that bought an agreement won't even pay the interest on the debt the bill will generate.

In the end, it wasn't government that got us into a recession, and government won't be the deciding factor in ending this one. Recessions come and recessions go. Even the "experts" admit that the "stimulus" won't do more than shave the peaks off this swing.

Americans as a whole give politicians way to much credit for their ability to "save" the economy. They encourage this belief to garner votes. It is an expensive faith. — Steve Haynes



THE SWITCH TO HD-TV IS CONFUSING FOLKS IN SOME QUARTERS...

## News From the Past

### 10 years ago - 1999

The Indians placed third at the Northwest Kansas League Wrestling Tournament. Earning championships were Gabe Jenkins, Kelly Gabel and Tyler Krien.

The city council approved the purchase of a new pump for the swimming pool. The pump circulates the water through the boiler, the chlorinating system and throughout the pool and runs continuously during the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Norvin Anderson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

August marks the opening of the Head Start program in St. Francis. It will be at 222 E. Webster and is funded for 17 Cheyenne County residents.

Several high school athletes were named in the Kansas Sports Magazine's fall sports wrap-up. Christie Holzwarth and Michelle Young were named for volleyball, Tyler Raile, Tyler Krien, Don Schlit-

tenhardt and Jon Zweygardt were named for football.

The Cheyenne County Health office has moved from its old location in the hospital basement to the former St. Francis Family Clinic building on U.S. 36.

Tyler Wolters won the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee and earned the right to go to the state competition in Topeka.

### 20 years ago - 1989

Volunteers moved books to the new library on Saturday, Jan. 9, according to Mike Day, president of the library board. The week of Jan. 11 will find the librarian and the helpers busily arranging books on shelves and organizing materials. The new library will officially open to the public on Jan. 18.

Long time resident and physician Thomas J. (T.J.) Walz died Jan. 4.

Arlin Williams has been employed by Bartlett and Company as the new manager. He was pre-

viously the assistant manager at Moscow.

The Cheyenne County Commissioners, Scott Condray, county attorney, and the St. Francis City Council recognized a need for the emergency 911 number in Cheyenne County and began working toward this goal in October. The commissioners approved to pursue the program countywide on Jan. 15.

A Kawai upright grand piano was donated to the St. Francis Community High School in honor of Kelli Crane.

Members of Cub Scout Pack 120 visited the Herald office and observed the type setting computers.

### 30 years ago - 1979

Giovanni Magi, a foreign exchange student from Forte Leza, Brazil, is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Andrist.

The first Cheyenne County birth for 1979 is 9 pound, 2 ounces James Thomas Keller, born to Tom and Lea Keller on Jan. 3.

## Hangin' With Marge

A Picture is worth a Thousand Words

By Margaret Bucholtz



Recently we went to Wichita to see Darrin's family. Porter had grown so much and is just a wonderful little baby. Tucker and Sawyer seemed to be older also and so much fun.

The first night the two older ones wanted to sleep with grandma and I was more than ready to give up a good night's rest in order to please them.

The bed was a little crowded, but

well worth the joy of visiting with the two little ones. Kurt went to bed in the other room and all was well.

Unknown to the little ones Kurt now has a false tooth, which he had removed and placed in a glass of water.

The next morning Dina and I, along with the little ones were sitting in the living room enjoying our coffee when all of a sudden little Sawyer came walking into the room with this glass of water.

Just as she entered the room she stopped to take a drink of water and saw the tooth in the bottom of the glass. Her eyes grew big and the look on her face was priceless as she quickly screamed, „Mom% and handed her the glass.

Unfortunately she was too shaken to get any more words out. Kurt, having heard the commotion, wasn't far behind trying to retrieve his valuable tooth!

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



It's funny when you find something in the most unlikely spot, and weren't even looking for it.

Last weekend Lezlie and I had a little time to ourselves and decided to drive to Goodland to visit the Antique Warehouse. I know advertising in the newspaper works since we noticed their classified ad in our papers.

I've only been to the store a couple of times but you forget about how much interesting stuff they have in every nook and cranny.

Lez is better at taking things in and moving on than me, so I lag behind sometimes. She had already checked out a vignette when I wandered in and noticed a shelf with some old magazines. One, though partially covered, showed an advertisement for a furniture business. I could only see a couple letters of the company name but

the connection was immediate. It was my father's business.

My dad, his older brother and a brother-in-law began the operation in the early 1950s. Although they were from Akron, Ohio, the three knew there was a need for a quality furniture store in either Kansas City or Denver. As it was, they moved farther west to the front range of Colorado, and the rest is history.

The ad I found was from a 1970 Denver Post bridal supplement. I would have been 10-years-old at the time. You can do the math.

So from our happenstance trip to Goodland I came home with a nice keepsake from my childhood.

Oh, and the bridal supplement at the antique store sold for \$3.

GOD SAYS

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Psalms 145:8, 9

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## Lines from the Library

### By Pat Leibbrandt

The library has the following new books: *Plum Spooky* by Janet Evanovich; *Mounting Fears* by Stuart Woods; *Delia's Heart* by V.C. Andrews; *People Of The Thunder* by Michael and Kathleen Gear; *Running Hot* by Jayne Krentz; *Fire And Ice* by Julie Garwood; *Breakneck* by Erica Spindler; *The Associate* by John Grisham; *Love Kills* by Edna Buchanan; *The Reluctant Suitor* by Kathleen Woodiwiss; *Louder Than Words* by Jenny McCarthy; *One-Dish Dinners; Run for Your Life* by James Patterson; *A Darker Place* by Jack Higgins; *Midnight Sons, Volume One* by Debbie Macomber.

The following books have arrived in the children's department: *Curious George Roller Coaster* by Monica Perez; *Snow Bunny Tales; Green Boots, Blue Hair, Polka-Dot Underwear* by Harriet Liefert;

*Max And Mo Make a Snowman* by Patricia Lakin; *Bunny, My Honey* by Anita Jeram; *Max's Easter Surprise; Three Wishes* by Harriet Liefert, *Snow Day* by Margaret McNamara.

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