

Opinion

\$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 ly." country and a prime-time press conference Mon-

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

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

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, 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

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 my. They encourage this belief to garner votes. 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 dear-

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 and the \$800 billion mark is not small. As Everett even pay the interest on the debt the bill will gener-

> 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 econo-

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 were named for football. the Northwest Kansas League Wrestling Tournament. Earn- office has moved from its old ing championships were Gabe location in the hospital base-Jenkins, Kelly Gabel and Tyler ment to the former St. Francis

The city council approved 36. 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.

son celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

of the Head Start program in ers busily arranging books on St. Francis. It will be at 222 E. shelves and organizing mate-Webster and is funded for 17 rials. The new library will of-Cheyenne County residents.

Several high school athletes Jan. 18. were named in the Kansas wrap-up. Christie Holzwarth Jan. 4. and Michelle Young were named for volleyball, Tyler ployed by Bartlett and Company Raile, Tyler Krien, Don Schlit- as the new manager. He was pre- Jan. 3.

The Cheyenne County Health Family Clinic building on U.S.

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, Mr. and Mrs. Norvin Ander- Jan. 9, according to Mike Day, president of the library board. The week of Jan. 11 will find August marks the opening the librarian and the helpficially open to the public on

Long time resident and physi-Sports Magazine's fall sports cian Thomas J. (T.J.) Walz died

Arlin Williams has been em-

tenhardt and Jon Zweygardt 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

Hangin' With Marge Margaret

A Picture is worth a Thousand Words

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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

The bed was a little crowded, but with this glass of water.

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

The next morning Dina and I, wanted to sleep with grandma and along with the little ones were sit-

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 I was more than ready to give up a ting in the living room enjoying our shaken to get any more words out. good night,s rest in order to please coffee when all of a sudden little Kurt, having heard the commotion, Sawyer came walking into the room wasn,t far behind trying to retrieve his valuable tooth!

-Lines from the Library-

By Pat Leibbrandt

net 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 Ma-

comber.

Dot Underwear by Harriet Liefert; McNamara.

The following books have ar- Max And Mo Make a Snowman by The library has the following rived in the children's department: Patricia Lakin; Bunny, My Honey new books: Plum Spooky by Ja- Curious George Roller Coaster by by Anita Jeram; Max's Easter Sur-Monica Perez; Snow Bunny Tales; prise; Three Wishes by Harriet Green Boots, Blue Hair, Polka- Liefert, Snow Day by Margaret

Honor Roll

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Casey's Comments scmccormick@nwkansas.com the connection was immediate. It

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 was my father's business.

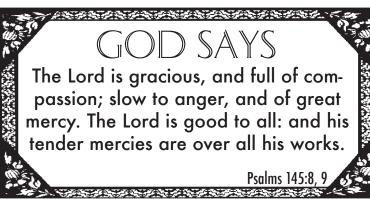
My dad, his older brother and a brother-in-law began the operation in the early 1950s. Although they were from Akron, Ohio, the three knew there was a need for a quality furniture store in either Kansas City or Denver. As it was, they moved farther west to the front range of Colorado, and the rest is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

Casey McCormick

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.



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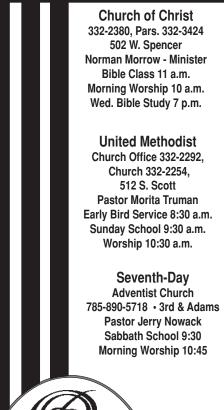
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