

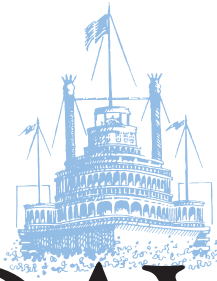
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Owner of new downtown gallery envisions hub for local artists

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Obama hopes to cut deficit in half

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WASHINGTON

President Barack Obama wants to cut the federal deficit in half by the end of his first term, mostly by scaling back Iraq war spending, increasing taxes on the wealthiest and streamlining government, an administration official said Saturday as the president worked to finalize his first budget request.



Obama

Obama's proposal for the 2010 fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 projects that the estimated \$1.3 trillion deficit he has inherited from former President George W. Bush will be halved to \$533 billion by 2013. That's a difference of 9.2 percent of the overall economy now vs. 3 percent in four years.

"We can't generate sustained growth without getting our deficits under control," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address that seemed to preview his intentions. He said his budget will be "sober in its assessments, honest in its accounting, and lays out in detail (his) strategy for investing in what we need, cutting what we don't, and restoring fiscal discipline."

He's expected to outline some broad themes of his budget request Monday at a White House summit on fiscal policy and touch on it during his first speech to Congress on Tuesday evening.

He is slated to officially send at least a summary of it to Congress on Thursday, barely a week after his \$787 billion economic stimulus plan becoming law.

Obama's budget also is expected to take steps toward

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MATT STENSLAND/STAFF

Liane Eastman, a home health and hospice nurse with the Northwest Colorado Visiting Nurse Association, visits with longtime Steamboat Springs resident Naomi Arnold at her home Friday. The VNA received less than half of the funding requested from United Way this year because of donation shortfalls.

Funding falls short

Agencies work through fewer donations, more needs

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As funding sources dry up, Routt County health and human services agencies are considering restructuring the programs and services they offer.

Routt County United Way is about \$125,000 short of its fundraising goal for 2009,

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meaning the umbrella funding organization for local health and human services agencies was able to allocate about \$125,000 less to those agencies for this year than it was in 2008.

For some agencies — such

as the Northwest Colorado Visiting Nurse Association — the gap between funds requested and funds allocated was significant. The VNA requested \$85,000 in United Way allocations for 2009 and received \$40,000. In 2008, the agency received the \$85,000 allocation it requested.

"VNA provides pretty exten-

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MATT STENSLAND/STAFF

Dream Island Mobile Home Park resident Ray Uhl sees trailer parks as playing a vital role in housing the Steamboat Springs work force, but he does not think enough is being done to ensure their continued existence.

Seeking protection

Some in mobile homes worry amid affordable housing debate

SUNDAY FOCUS

STORY BY
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On opposite ends of downtown Steamboat Springs sit two neighborhoods that, for all their similarities, find themselves in very different situations.

At Hilltop Homes near Steamboat Springs High School, homeowners associa-

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tion President George Danellis points happily out the window of his double-wide trailer to the neighborhood's first custom-built home. On another lot around the

corner, an owner is asking for \$295,000 for the 0.1-acre site of a 1967 mobile home.

Across town at unit No. 55 in the Dream Island Mobile Home Park, Ray Uhl laments the decaying state of the 70-lot mobile home park, where

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Plans hard to fix

Obama faces challenges in health care

Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Now for the hard part.

Even if the national credit card is maxed out and partisanship remains the rule for Washington's political tribes, President Barack Obama and Congress are plunging ahead with a health care overhaul.

This week, Obama will start the dialogue about how to increase coverage, restrain costs and improve quality.

Whether a bill can get through Congress and to Obama this year is uncertain. For half a century, the track record on health care has been one of missed opportunities, spectacular failures and hard-won incremental gains.

Obama plans to stress the need for major changes in his address to Congress on Tuesday, administration officials say. He quickly will follow up with a budget that includes a commitment to expand coverage for the uninsured.

A White House summit on health care is being planned in coming weeks.

"They don't intend to blink. They intend to plow ahead," said health economist Len Nichols of the nonpartisan New America Foundation. "Health reform is seen as essential to balancing the federal budget and economic recovery in the long run."

People in the U.S. spend \$2.4 trillion a year on health care, or about \$7,900 per person. That's more than twice as much per capita as in other advanced countries. But few would claim those dollars are buying good value. The costs are a staggering burden for tax-

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Hayden town officials upset

Leaders say they did their best to avoid Lake Village problems

Blythe Terrell
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Hayden leaders are upset about the mess at the Lake Village subdivision, but they don't think they could have prevented it.

The town put safeguards in place, Town Manager Russ

Martin said. Developers got a letter of credit worth \$502,000 and bonds worth \$1.3 million to guarantee infrastructure work, he said. The town asked developers to put the project into phases, and they did, Planning Commission Chairman Karl Koehler said. Still, there were red flags, according to Planning

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Lake Village

A two-part series about the failing Lake Village subdivision in Hayden

■ **Feb. 15:** Bankruptcies and lawsuits involving Lake Village have left lot owners sitting on empty land, waiting for answers.

■ **Today:** A look at what went wrong with Lake Village and whether it could have been avoided.



FILE PHOTO

Developer Roger Johnson stands behind a model of the Lake Village development in October 2006, a week before home lots were auctioned off. Johnson's company was one of four partners building the subdivision, the future of which is unknown.

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area	
New snow — Mid-mountain	0.25 in.
New snow — Summit	0.25 in.
Base — Mid-mountain	68 in.
Base — Summit	85 in.
Total snow†	287.5 in.
Trails open	165/165
Lifts open	16/18
Conditions	Packed powder

*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 21 as measured at mid-mountain FOR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit www.cotrip.org

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