



GOP TAX PLAN

Richest will benefit most



BLACKMON SETS RBI RECORD AS ROCKIES ROUT DODGERS 9-1

Center fielder Charlie Blackmon sets a major-league record for most RBIs in a season by a leadoff hitter — he has 102 in that spot — as the Colorado Rockies move closer to a playoff berth. »1B

**Shaping up for ski season.** The aspens' glow is fading and the first flakes are flying, so it's time to get in training for ski and snowboard season so you don't get hurt. »1C

RETIREMENT

The new reality of old age in America

By Mary Jordan and Kevin Sullivan  
The Washington Post

Richard Dever had swabbed the campground shower stalls and emptied 20 garbage cans, and now he climbed slowly onto a John Deere mower to cut a couple acres of grass.

"I'm going to work until I die, if I can, because I need the money," said Dever, 74, who drove 1,400 miles to this Maine campground from his home in Indiana to take a temporary job that pays \$10 an hour.

Dever shifted gently in the tractor seat, a rubber cushion carefully positioned to ease the bursitis in his hip — a snapshot of the new reality of old age in America.

People are living longer, more expensive lives, often without much of a safety net. As a result, record numbers of Americans older than 65 are working — now nearly one in five. That proportion has risen steadily over the past decade, and at a far faster rate than any other age group. Today, 9 million senior citizens work, compared with 4 million in 2000.

OLD AGE » 12A

“No way could anything survive”

Yeah, but this dog is something else



Sean Nichols raced up a scree field on the north face of Mount Bross on Sept. 22 to rescue Chloe, missing since August, off the fourteener and reunite the dog with her owners, Larry Osborne and Anouk Patel. Courtesy of Trinity Smith via Summit Daily

By Kevin Simpson The Denver Post

When Chloe, a 14-year-old chocolate Lab-pit bull mix, didn't come bounding home for dinner one evening in August, owners Larry Osborne and Anouk Patel launched a search operation befitting a cherished family member around their home near tree line in the high-altitude town of Alma.

From mid-August, they took to social media, plastered posters throughout the area, spread the word at the South Park Saloon — the bar and restaurant they own — and took shifts scouring the area around nearby Mount Bross, the 14,172-foot peak that rises above the town, for the sweet, 90-pound dog they had raised since before they were married.

"She was like our first baby, to be honest with you," says Osborne, 34.

But when summer began to give way to

early snow, hail, cold rain and hints of winter winds, they faced what seemed a heart-breaking reality. They took down the flyers. They told friends that if, perchance, they came across Chloe's remains, "leave her where she lies" and just return her collar.

They had a hard conversation, and a harder cry, as they told their 7-year-old son, Shail, that Chloe was gone forever. They hiked out to one of her favorite spots, stacked a pile of rocks in memorial and said goodbye.

"I accepted what I thought was fate," Osborne says, "and thought no way could anything survive that — malnourished, cold, lost."

But they would soon learn, to their amazement, that they had underestimated Chloe. And in the process, they would be reminded of the irrepressibly compassionate side of human nature.

RESCUE » 9A

Nearly 30 percent of people in middle class will see an increase.

By Carolyn Y. Johnson  
The Washington Post

The Republican tax plan would deliver a major benefit to the top 1 percent of Americans, according to a new analysis by a leading group of nonpartisan tax experts that challenges the White House's portrayal of its effects.

The plan delivers far more modest tax cuts to most other households — an average cut of \$1,700 to households in 2027. But the results would be unevenly spread, with one in four households paying more in taxes.

Despite repeated promises from Republican lawmakers that the plan is designed to provide relief to the middle class, nearly 30 percent of taxpayers with incomes between \$50,000 and \$150,000 would see a tax increase, according to the study by the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center.

The majority of households that made between \$150,000 and \$300,000 would see a tax increase.

Those trends were credited to the loss of itemized deductions, particularly the ability to deduct state and local property tax deductions from income.

The loss of the personal exemption, which currently shields \$4,050 of income from federal taxes for every household member, also played a major role in increasing taxes for some households — an effect that would get worse over time, because the amount of the personal exemption keeps pace with inflation.

Meanwhile, 80 percent of the tax benefits would accrue to those in the top 1 percent. Households making more than about \$900,000 a year would see their taxes drop by more than \$200,000 on average.

This week at a speech in Indianapolis, President Donald Trump described the effects of the tax plan very differently: "We're doing everything we can to reduce the tax burden on you and your family. By eliminating tax breaks and loopholes, we will ensure that the benefits are focused on the middle class, the working men and women, not the highest-income earners."

The analysis also found the plan would provide disproportionately

TAXES » 10A

UNDER PRESSURE, HHS SECRETARY TOM PRICE RESIGNS

Tom Price, President Donald Trump's embattled Health and Human Services secretary, resigned Friday amid sharp criticism of his extensive use of taxpayer-funded charter flights, the White House said. »15A

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