



President appears ready to give bipartisanship

Experts say the voters want pragmatism and cooperation. And while there is little chance for either in Washington today, President Obama appears ready at least to give the appearance of bipartisanship.

The health-care issue deeply divides the nation. While the need for national health care has long been an article of faith among liberal Democrats, millions of grassroots conservatives, and their representatives in Congress, fear that a massive federal insurance program will break them – and the Treasury.

The same people see the threat of increased deficit spending, possible tax increases and loss of free choice as government takes over more and more aspects of the health industry. They are not happy.

With the president committed to a health care initiative and few Republicans offering to sign on, any pretext of bipartisan solutions will be just that. The two sides are not willing to work together. They are not close enough to agree on the problem, let alone a solution.

There was a day, perhaps, when bipartisan action was a reality. Wendell Willkie ran against Franklin Roosevelt in 1940, then traveled abroad to represent him during the war. Bob Dole and Bill Clinton managed to work together on several causes, but mostly after their presidential contest. The two wound up friends.

But that day is past. Through the Clinton and Bush II administrations, hatred replaced cooperation and enmity replaced good feeling. No one party was to blame. The rhetoric on the

fringes of both verged on madness. Among the side on the outs, a substantial minority spend the entire eight years trying to unseat or embarrass the incumbent.

In Congress, partisan feeling has become paramount. Presidential appointments are held up, leaders needed by the government cannot be seated, judicial nominees face merciless grilling and months, if not years, of delay.

Under the circumstances, given the price of government service, who needs it?

Is there, then, a bipartisan solution for health care?

There should be.

First, though, the sides would have to agree on the scope of the problem. They will have to find money to pay the bill and agree on how much the nation can afford to spend. Then it would be possible to work together to write a plan that might do some good.

Until that happens, we are liable to see more of the same while hospital and insurance costs continue to soar. It is not a pretty picture, but it is what American politics have become in the last couple of decades.

The alternative is pragmatic cooperation. And if this is what the American people want, it is what they should have. Politicians, from the president on down, ought to take heed.

People get tired of asking. They will want a change if the present situation continues.

And, eventually, they will get it.

— Steve Haynes



News From the Past

15 years ago - 1994

Liz Weber, instructor at the St. Francis school and sign maker recently donated a unique and very attractive sign to the high school. The sign is a huge slab of limestone with the Indian graphic and the words "St. Francis Junior - Senior High School, Home of the Indians."

The new playground fort is beginning to take shape at the grade school. Tim Burr and Mike Ketter of the Equity helped Roger Jensen, construction foreman, set 88 poles on Monday afternoon.

Video Kingdom is one of the first retailers in the United States to offer a new generation of satellite television equipment and programming services. On Sept. 9 they will offer an 18-inch dish which takes television entertainment and information into the digital age.

Coach Tim Lambert is beginning his second season as the Indian football coach.

The Lady Indian volleyball team opened the season with a 6-0 record. Kent Kechter is the coach.

Plans for the benefit auction to help purchase equipment for the Cheyenne County Hospital are underway. Gloria Bracelin, St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce secretary, reported that the auction is a county effort to support the hospital.

25 years ago - 1984

It seems that a goat got loose and ran through the town of St. Francis on Aug. 18. After seeing its reflection, the goat broke out one front door, one side panel and one window of the courthouse. The goat was subdued with a tranquilizer

shot by Dr. Tom Keller of the Republican Valley Veterinary Clinic.

40 years ago - 1969

Eleven new teachers have joined the faculty. There are Arlene Walz, elementary; Patricia Campbell, elementary; Judith Soehner, elementary; Pam Brumley, high school English and speech. Daryl Brumley, high school basketball coach and social science teacher; Ruth Milliken, elementary; Collette Ford, high school English; Marti Wagaman, high school German; Barbara Sherlock, high school vocational home economics; Albert Ulrich, high school vocal music and Joyce Vannida, elementary.

It has been announced that Astronaut Ron Evans, who was born in St. Francis, could be one of the first men to reach the moon. He has been named as one of the backup men for Apollo 14 which is scheduled for July.

Work on the St. Francis Catholic Church is nearing completion with the dedication ceremony planned for Oct. 5. The tile is presently being laid and the carpet and all interior furnishings will be installed next week. Landscaping is going slowly, but should be partially complete by dedication date.

Mr. Richard Rippe has been named as advertising manager for The Saint Francis Herald.

St. Francis Community High School cheerleaders include Becky Douthit, Leanna Gienger, Sharon Feikert, Jo Ellen Holzwarth, Monica Raile, Janelle Miller and Vickie Calnon.

60 years ago - 1949

A trip out to the Bonny Dam site at Hale on Saturday afternoon showed that the Utah Construction Co, builders of the 9,2000 foot earthen dam, were rushing to complete as much work as possible before winter storms hamper their regular schedule. At the present time the huge dirt moving machines are working furiously at dumping their loads on the base of the dam which, incidentally, is rapidly taking form.

Aug. 30 is the date set by Relaford "Bud" Stuart for the formal opening in St. Francis of his new jewelry store. Mr. Stuart built a new building to house his store, the fourth in that block during the post-war period. His location is on the south side of the street on Washington Avenue between Scott and Benton streets.

There is a "Two-for-One" sale at Jones Dress Shop in St. Francis. A cool washable dress is just what you need for the fall.

A big August Furniture Sale is happening at Riddell's. A five-piece natural oak breakfast set with a table and four chairs is going for \$49.95.

Andy's Super Market, owned by Andy Byerly and located at the intersection of Adams Street and Washington Avenue in the Howell building, is to have a new name, Andy's IGA Market. He has joined the IGA system and he is announcing a reduction on hundreds of the more than two thousand items carried.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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As a longtime Boston Red Sox devotee, I find it very hard to write anything positive about those "Damn Yankees" in New York. The hostilities between baseball fans of the two clubs are similar to the standard friendship between a snake and a mongoose.

But sometimes you have to give credit where credit is due. Last Friday night, Yankee shortstop and team captain, Derek Jeter, broke a record that had stood since April 29, 1939. With a single past the Baltimore first baseman, Jeter passed Lou Gehrig's team record of 2,721 career hits.

What makes this so remarkable

is all the talent the New York Yankees have carried over the years. Men like Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle and Don Mattingly, just to name a few, have played in the Bronx, wearing the ever constant Yankee pinstripes.

Yet, it took a skinny kid from Kalamazoo, Mich., to overtake the Iron Horse.

And, although he's a Yankee, Jeter has accomplished this as a gentleman and class act. With so many professional athletes spending as much time before a judge as in the club house, it is refreshing to see a man behave like the role model he is for many kids.

So at age 35, where will Jeter's stats end? Chances are very good that he will surpass 3,000 career hits. He recently told New York team executive, Gene Michael, that he would like to play another 10 years.

Only two players have reached the 4,000 hit mark: Pete Rose (4,256) and Ty Cobb (4,189). Perhaps the day will come when Derek Jeter passes them.

Congratulations are in order – even for a Yankee.

Obama's homosexual proclamation

Letter to the Editor:

In June, Obama declared the month of June (traditional bride's month) to be Gay Pride (sexual perversion month)! In his proclamation, Obama says that he is proud to be the first president to appoint LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-gender) candidates to Senate confirmed positions in the first 100 days of an administration.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Herald subscriptions: Colo.; Mac Frewen, Hays; James Barnhart, St. Francis; John and Darla Deeds, Bird City; Jim Soehner, Wray Colo.; Dorothy Orth, St. Francis; Dr. Tom Keller, St. Francis; Sarah Guthmiller, Colby; David Guthmiller, Sterling; Marilyn Zergner, Green Valley, Ariz.; Don Gilliland, Bird City; Dan Leinen, St. Francis; Jerry Whitmore, St. Francis; Grace Flying Service, St. Francis; Richard Bursch, Bird City;

Letter to the Editor

He says that these individuals embody the best qualities we seek in public service on the international level! Obama is now seeking to de-criminalize homosexuality around the world via the UN. Obviously, Mr. Obama does not believe what the Bible has to say about homosexuality. God has warned many places in the Bible that any nation that goes that route will be destroyed by a fiery and destructive judgement.

Also Mr. Obama fails to point out that no more than 2 percent of the U.S. population are homosexuals, and they account for 52 percent of the AIDS cases. The homosexuals are "public health menaces."

Obviously, Mr. Obama is not a Bible believing Christian!

Terry Rueb St. Francis

P.S. During his administration, George W. Bush showed himself to be "sex pervert friendly" also.

GOD SAYS
Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.
Romans 12:9, 10

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