



Bailout died last week; congress didn't bow

The bailout bill for the "Big Three" automakers died last week when Republicans in Congress refused to bow to union pressure over a wage deal.

Everyone involved lamented the fact that a deal was maybe minutes away when the talks broke down, and the bailout may not be dead.

Many will see the Republicans as risking the entire economy here, but there's an important principal at stake. That is whether the car makers will be propped up to serve only as job generators, or whether they will be revived as competitive enterprises.

If the United Auto Workers has its way in this, there will be no end to federal subsidies for the car makers. We'll wind up with socialized industries growing fat and bloated at the public trough, and taxpayers who moan and suffer under the yoke of oppressive taxation.

Even the British have given up on this kind of unproductive, unsustainable state socialism. We should not allow our economy to take this detour.

Government-run enterprises tend to become beholden to their unions. Amtrak is a good example of how this works. Union jobs become an end rather than a means, and job cuts are discouraged at almost any cost. Public unions gain enormous political power, and the cycle spirals downward.

Why is this such a threat? Because as bailouts go, 30 years of Amtrak at \$1 billion to \$2 billion a year are nothing compared to the potential for the automakers. Successful bailouts, such as the 1980s rescues of Conrail out of Penn Central and the first

Chrysler Corp. rescue, require real sacrifices by unions, management, stockholders and banks.

After a bad start by management — with executives jetting in to be humbled by Congress — everyone was on board except the unions this time. What Congress wanted was for the auto workers to pare their pay and benefits package down to match costs at non-union, foreign-owned plants in the South.

The auto workers did agree to that, in a limited way, but only two years down the road. And that could be way too late to make General Motors and Ford competitive. Bankruptcy may follow, because then the companies can repudiate their leases and loans — and union contracts.

While that may be appealing — the major airlines have washed out their costs that way — it's tough on investors and union pension-holders alike. Both would be left holding the bag.

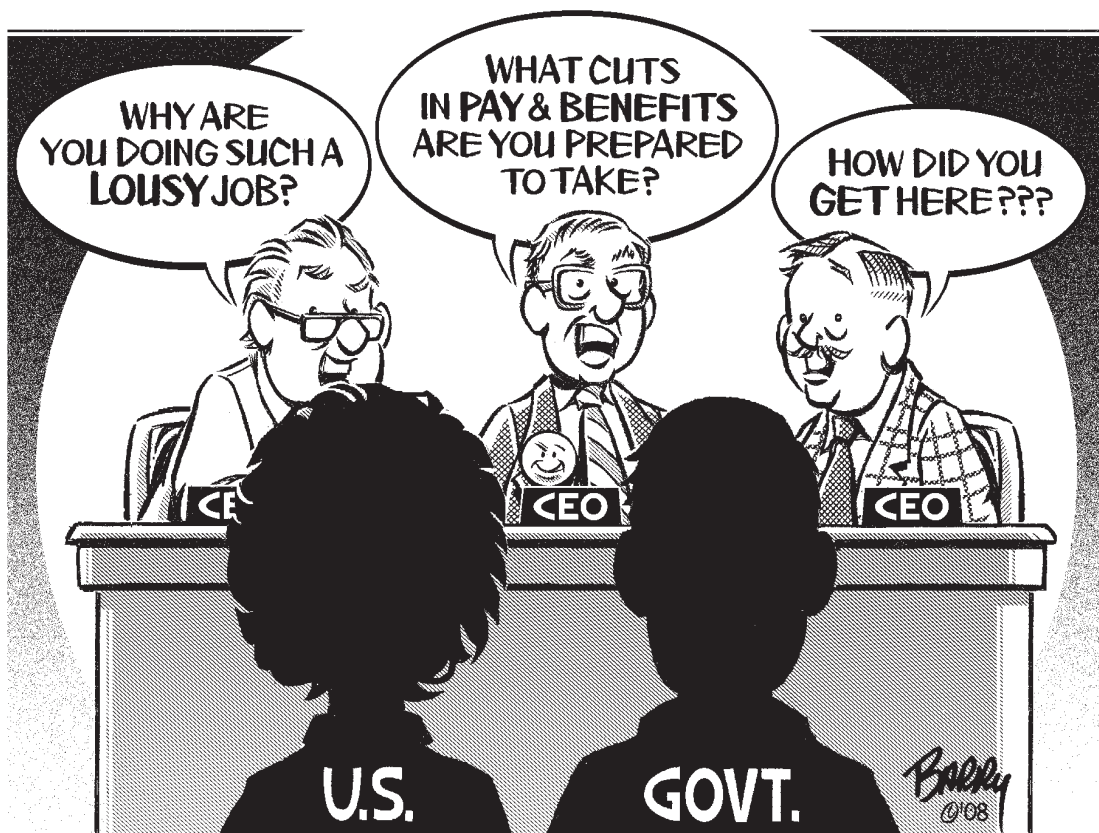
A compromise may be in the offing. We hope so. Our economy needs strong and vital automakers to keep things rolling.

America does not need socialized industries, however. That path has never led anywhere but down. The cost of keeping union wages high would be more than taxpayers can afford.

This is not to say that unions are bad — they have been a key ingredient in American's prosperity over the last century — but that they can't take too much power or they will bias the economy in nonproductive, noncompetitive ways.

That we can't afford. It's good the Republicans stuck by their guns.

The auto workers should take stock of their potential losses and get onboard before the train leaves the station. — Steve Haynes



IF TURNABOUT IS FAIR — SHOULDN'T BIG BUSINESS GRILL CONGRESS?

News From the Past

5 years ago - 2003

The theme of the third and fourth grade presentation at the St. Francis Elementary Christmas program is "The Case of the Counterfeit Claus."

St. Francis placed first at the Invitational Wrestling Tournament held here on Saturday. The team unseated Colby who had won the last two years.

Sainty had three champions, Dylan Loyd at 125 pounds, Gabe Smull at 160 pounds and Nick Keller at 189 pounds.

Lighting Contest winners include: Mike and Cindy Henderson, Fantasy; Mike and Michelle Stafford, Religious; and Mat Moberly, Most Lights.

Leonard and Joan Richard are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

25 years ago - 1983

Bob Alsop, Cheyenne County State Bank, was presented the Friend of 4-H Award at the 4-H Achievement Banquet. Other awards include John Love who received the Dale Shoemaker Memorial Award; Bobby Sharp received the

Paul Gorthy Memorial Award and Jason Douthit received the Tillie Schlepp Memorial Award.

"The Beverly Hillbillies" is being presented by the junior class at the high school. Todd Neitzel is portraying Jed Clampett, Sherry McDuffee is Granny, Crystal Bracelin is Elly Mae and Ed Owens is Jethro.

As part of his Eagle Scout project, Denis Vandike and the members of FFA (for their B.O.A.C project) painted fire hydrants around town.

The St. Francis academic bowl team placed first out of eight teams at the Cheylin Academic Bowl held Tuesday.

Members of the team include Bill Krueger, Dan Follett, Amy Follett, Rod Hilt, Wes Sherman and Troy Gardner. Coaches for the team are Jeff Olofson and Steve Jenkins.

Hazel Douthit was presented the County Extension Council Appreciation Award.

Bill Krueger and Shawn Warren received Northwest

Kansas All-League football honors while Kelly Hilt and Mike Weber received honorable mention.

40 years ago - 1968

Mrs. Velma Goodell has announced that she has moved her business Goodell Floral from main street to a new location just north of Topping Building Service, next to the Goodell home.

Darrell Busby is the State 4-H Swine Award winner. Darrell, a freshman at Kansas State University, is a member of the Cheyenne County Lawn Ridge 4-H Club.

W.E. Touslee of Touslee Ford Sales, St. Francis, has just completed a business management course conducted at Ford's Dallas Marketing Institute.

Gary Morris of the Cheyenne Valley 4-H Club won a trip to Wichita to attend the Kansas 4-H Congress.

The annual junior class play will be presented on Nov. 22. "Pillow Talk," a three-act comedy is the presentation this year.

Hangin' With Marge

Christmas Candy

By Margaret Bucholtz



This year I told Kurt I was not going to make any Christmas candy. It is expensive to make, I don't need it and what is left over is always thrown out. He agreed with me so that was settled.

Well it was settled until I went to the store the other day for some milk and I got to thinking about Christmas candy. I picked up some items and hurried home.

The next morning I started in making some of the candy. I had made chocolate covered cherries once and it wasn't successful, but that was when I was much younger. Thinking that age had made me smarter I decided I needed that challenge.

I stirred up the fondant and did it just like the recipe said. I kneaded it until it was a silky, soft and smooth texture and then I put it in

the freezer. I then melted the chocolate and of course drained the cherries. (I even had to take off the stems because I had bought the wrong kind.)

The recipe I had called for three bottles of cherries and I only had one, so I divided the recipe in thirds. When it came to making the chocolate I forgot to cut in into thirds and made the whole recipe. It was a good thing I did because I needed all that chocolate.

I got the fondant out of the refrigerator and started making little balls, flattening them and putting the cherry inside. Things looked pretty good.

I started dipping them and the tongs didn't work, so I finally just got a spoon and dipped with that.

When I had dipped the last cherry I then took notice of what

things looked like. First there was chocolate everywhere. Down the cupboard fronts and all over the counter tops. I really wasn't that sloppy—I just kept dropping them before I could get them on the waxed paper.

I got the mess cleaned up and then checked on my candy again. Anyone knows that chocolate-covered cherries go in a candy cup. Not mine. They fit into a cupcake paper. They were the size of a tennis ball.

That didn't stop me — I went on to the caramels. I have to say they weren't too bad, probably the best I have ever gotten them. At least I can hold them and eat them. Usually I just put the pan out and lay spoons around and we eat them out of the pan.

Inspired by one successful thing I made the cashew brittle. That one is fool proof. This time it sugared instead of being brittle and it is more like tons of sugar over cashews.

The only thing I can say is that anyone who eats this candy will have a dentist that loves me. Just hope he sends me a thank you card.

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GOD SAYS He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. Proverbs 13:20

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



It's funny how a Christmas memory can carry a common theme.

The other day my boss, Karen Krien, and I were talking about Christmases past. I was telling her about one of my childhood traditions.

My father owned a furniture store and each year he would pull out of storage a life-sized Santa Claus. It was electric, moving from side to side and waving as folks passed by. Dad displayed the

plug-in St. Nick at his store until Christmas Eve, when he would sneak him home and set him up by the tree while my brothers and sister and I slept.

On Christmas morning we would awaken to him as he stood in what seemed a small mountain of presents.

As I described our Santa, Karen told of a similar one. She used to work at Jack Rieb's Skogmos clothing store in St. Francis many Christmases ago. Jack had an

electric powered Father Christmas who stood hidden for most of the year, except when it was his time to look out the front window onto the passers-by along Washington Street. Do you remember?

Thinking of the animated Chris Kringle at my dad's Homestead House store takes me back to a very joyful and magical youth. Merry Christmas!

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