



Two versions of health care reform bills pass

Congress has passed two versions of health care reform, and as the year ends will be working to find a compromise to get through both houses and be signed by the president.

The country spent the spring and early summer watching the House work to pass its version of health care. Then we spent the fall watching the Senate work to pass its version.

Lots of stories have been published about what is in each version, but until they are combined and both houses agree to final passage, it is not a done deal.

Republican senators, who unanimously opposed the bill, have vowed to find a way to derail the final passage. They failed to get a single one of the 60 Democrats to fall out, but will do their best to find one when the final

version comes back to the Senate.

Time will tell if the health care bill will make it to President Obama to become law in the new year.

The Democrats have the votes at this time, but if the final version gets defeated, it will be probably another generation before the power exists to pass such a bill.

Republicans had the power to stop anything from becoming law until the election in 2008, and by doing everything it can to stop health care, the GOP hopes to regain that edge in November by defeating some Democrats.

Tens of millions of dollars have been spent by all sides of the health care debate, and more will be spent in the next few weeks while negotiations continue. — Tom Betz

Hangin' With Marge

Therapy

By Margaret Bucholtz



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The neatest thing about having a knee replacement wasn't the new things I got, but it was that you get to go to therapy.

I was really dreading it, but knew it was a necessary thing to do. My first day they measured how far I could bend my knee and then they started with the first of the exercises. I found that it felt good to bend the knee and I would do the same at home.

It wasn't long until I got on a stepping machine and it became a game for me to be able to go farther each

time I went.

Those three ladies worked hard with me, just like they do with everyone that walks through their door. Each week they would measure to make sure of the progress and work on a new exercise.

They didn't know it but they became my friends. They've seen me cry, listened to my fears and encouraged me for over six weeks. When the doctor told me I didn't need to go anymore I felt like a school girl that had been kicked out of school.

This year I had new things to be thankful for at the holidays. The

kindness of those girls, my family and friends were all I needed for Christmas.

As a note on the bright side, I will pass a tip on to you that one of the therapy ladies passed on to me.

She said, "rub Preparation H on your scar and it will help to heal it and it will actually shrink it."

I did and it not only worked but it gave me a terrific idea. I think I will order in a truckload and apply it to my hips and see if it helps.

Probably not, but the thought was a good one.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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I love being able to blow the horn of this part of the country when something interesting comes to my attention. There is so much that has happened in this area of the tri-state region that it has to be shared.

Of course there are the very famous individuals who have spent time around here. For instance you all know of Charles Lindbergh barnstorming near Bird City and George Armstrong Custer leading the Cavalry after hostile Indians.

Also St. Francis can lay claim to Ron Evans and Len Dressler. Evans was the command module pilot on the last NASA mission to put men on the moon: Apollo 17 in 1972. El-

mer "Len" Dressler Jr. was born in 1925 and became the voice of the Jolly Green Giant who pitched vegetables on TV.

Another personality born in Benkelman, Neb., just to the north of us, was the movie actor Ward Bond. I just came across another name from the past. Denver Pyle was from the small town of Bethune, Colo., not far to the south-west of here.

Born in 1920 he was a nephew to the famous journalist, Ernie Pyle. Denver went into acting and had several memorable roles.

From 1960 until 1968 he played the head of a hillbilly clan as Briscoe Darling on the *Andy Griffith Show*. In 1967 he portrayed Texas Ranger

Frank Homer, the antagonist to the outlaws Bonnie and Clyde, in the movie with Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway.

Other television roles were as the father, Buck Webb, on *The Doris Day Show* (1968-70) and Mad Jack on *The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams* in 1977-78.

He is probably best known as Uncle Jesse on *The Dukes of Hazzard* which aired from 1979 till 1985.

Denver is no longer with us. He died on Christmas Day in 1997. But his memory adds to the legend and lore of this part of the country.

Reader responds to previous letter

To the Editor,

This is in response to the editorial on the Health Care Package. First of all the statement "58 Democrats and the two (former Democrats) Independents" is incorrect. Bernie Sanders usually votes with the Democrats but has always been an Independent and has never been a former Democrat.

What really is wrong with health care in this country is that we have health insurance and not health care. An individual can have health insurance but not healthcare as the insurance company can refuse to pay for the care or treatment that a physician recommends. Or if a person has a lengthy illness, the insurance company can drop his insurance and the person is left uninsured.

When insurance companies and

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hospitals went from non-profit to for profit, our health care system declined. Insurance companies and hospitals only care about the bottom line and not the patients. Excuse me but what is Christian

about profiting off of sick people. I think insurance companies and hospitals should be non-profit again.

Diana Brunswig Bosso Arnold, Mo.

GOD SAYS
A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.
Proverbs 22:1

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News From the Past

35 years ago - 1974

Steven Marsh of Colby has been named news editor of the St. Francis Herald, replacing Sharon Boardman who resigned and moved with her husband to Lawrence.

When faced with the demands of current standards for health and safety, some business owners were forced to make drastic changes in operation. For Mr. and Mrs. Paul O'Leary, such demands meant the end of ownership of a nursing home they had run for 16 years...The O'Leary Home, located at 102 E. Spencer.

Gordon Popp, manager of St. Francis Equity, and Emil Peter, president of the board, broke ground for the Equity's new service station on the corner of West Washington and River streets. Completion of the building is scheduled for the middle of June.

Indians Perry Keller and Les Zuege were winners at the St. Francis Invitational Wrestling Tournament held Saturday.

Peggy Love of St. Francis won a trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago the first part of December in recognition of accomplishments in a 4-H project or program.

Terry Weeden of St. Francis and Steve Busse of Bird City, are members of the Colby Community College Livestock Judging team which placed first in the junior college division of the Panhandle State University contest.

55 years ago - 1954

The St. Francis Herald office, a familiar sight on the south side of east Main Street in St. Francis for more than 60 years, has been moved to new and larger quarters on the north side of west Main Street. Moving of the heavy equipment to the new building was accomplished and getting the machinery placed, wired and otherwise ready to operate consumed the remainder of the week. The new location is the building formerly occupied by the Gamble Store, operated by Olen Barrett, which was vacated about a year ago when Mr. Barrett moved his store farther east along Main Street.

Twelve experienced wrestlers are back to help the defending state champions grab it's fourth state title. Returning letter winners include Lyle Neville, Raymond Isernhagen, Junior Rath, Don Krien, Ronald Curry, Ben Leibbrandt, Jerry Carmichael, Walter Douthit, Richard Vandike, Marlin Rueb, Melvin Zwegardt and Lyle Zimbelman.

Paul Bader, formerly associated with the Joy Photo Studio operated by Mrs. Hattie Joy, is this week announcing the opening of his own studio in the building formerly occupied by the Adams Produce.

Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Carter have leased the former hospital building belonging to Dr. J.H. A. Peck and opened it Monday, Dec. 8, for use as an old folks home. It will go by the name of the Carter Boarding Home.

65 years ago - 1944

Two Indian football players received honorable mention on the Topeka Daily Capital newspaper's all-state football team. Named were Dan Winton and Leonard Scoby.

One of the most forward steps taken by the city of St. Francis in its history is the adoption by the city council of Ordinance No 208, annexing the district known as Park Hill, which comprises almost one-third of the city's residential district to St. Francis proper.

90 years ago - 1919

Last Monday morning as breakfast was being prepared at the Miller Cafe and Short Order, the kitchen range exploded and just about wrecked the place. The cook was seriously injured, being struck by flying pieces of range. Her injuries, however, are not believed to be of a dangerous nature and her complete recovery is expected.

The Johnson garage of this city has just completed arrangements to lease the new garage that is being completed in Bird City by Will Lamb. They will conduct the same type of business over there as they are here. They will also have a complete line of Ford repairs and have for sale all the appliances, trucks and tractors they sell here.

The Herald office has installed a new typewriter this week. It has three speeds and one reverse. If it doesn't spell and punctuate better than the old one we will certainly feel that we have been flim flamed.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Herald subscriptions: Rex Murray, Goodland; Joyce Faulkender, St. Francis; Morita Truman, St. Francis;

Keith Peter, St. Francis; Don Orten, Bird City; Kerry Hammeke, Topeka; Phyllis Hook, St. Francis; Mary Zimbelman, McCook, Neb.;

Kenneth Knitig, Rapid City, S.D.; Jay and Coleen Jensen, Phoenix, Ariz.

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Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

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United Methodist Church
Church Office 332-2292,
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of the month

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