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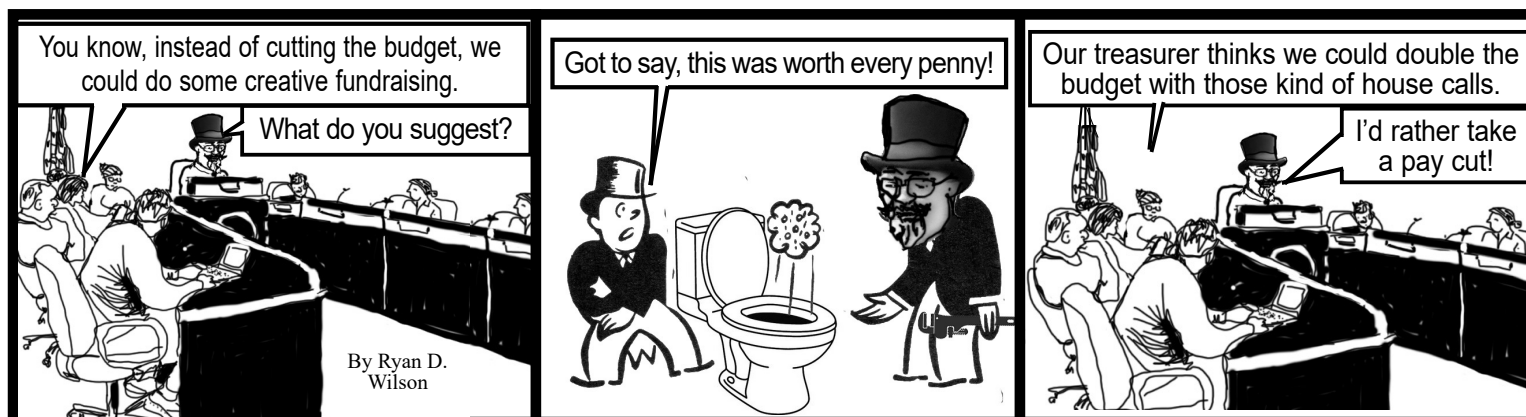
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A comic strip loosely based a certain mayor in a particular small town in Kansas.



FROM THE PUBLISHER

Dog Tales: One thing you can't lie to a dog about

By Ryan D. Wilson
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The Golden Retriever is relieved we're done with fireworks for now. She's exhausted, and now she can finally get some rest.

Not only have the fireworks been keeping her up at night, but since she fancies herself as my personal guard dog, Ruby thinks she has to protect me from any and all threats – seen and unseen. Usually those

threats are a customer, the mailman or a delivery driver and the occasional bird or squirrel.

But with all of the unseen threats, she's been working overtime to protect me from those too. Every pop, crackle, boom and shriek is a threat she doesn't know what to do about, except to make sure I'm still okay.

It doesn't matter whether I'm just sitting at the desk, making dinner, in the bath-

room or even upstairs, Ruby has to make sure I'm okay. And I know she's really concerned, because she hates going up the stairs unless it's for a really good reason.

For about two weeks, I've been trying to convince my four-legged shadow that it's all OK. There is nothing to be scared about. But sometimes the unexpected noise catches me off guard, and she senses it's not okay – especially at

night, when I forget it's been 20 years and the fireworks sound too much like artillery and small arms fire.

You can't lie to a dog about that.

So she stays close by, at my feet during the day; by my side at night. Whether she's there for my comfort or for hers, I appreciate it all the same.

And now that it's over, it's a great relief to watch Ruby sleep away the day on the couch.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What Sen. Moran didn't say about the "Big Beautiful Bill"

Editor:

Senator Moran's July 1 Newsletter touted his vote for the Senator Marshall version of the "Big Beautiful Bill." He said it prevents a "tax hike on middle class families and small businesses."

He didn't mention that with

the cuts in meals on wheels, medicare, medicaid, head-start, nursing home care, food assistance programs, NPR, PBS and other programs that the only income group coming out ahead with the tax cuts are the over \$200,000 income households. He spun

the delay in the medicaid cuts as a chance for rural hospitals to not face many immediate cuts when the purpose was to not have the effects of the bill hit until after the 2026 election.

He didn't say that he voted against an amendment to

the defense appropriations that would have kept defense funds from being used to upgrade the Qatari jet. His vote for \$30 billion increase for ICE agent funding will give us tens of thousands of ad-

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