Cash for Clunkers

When something big is in the news, it sends editorial cartoonists to their drawing boards. Check out this week’s cartoons giving slightly different views on this week’s topic and take a class vote on who drew it best. -- Allentown Morning Call

Between the lines

The Car Allowance Rebate System, or CARS, as it’s officially known, was created to boost new-vehicle sales and to take older gas-guzzlers off the road. Consumers can receive up to $4,500 from the government toward the purchase of a qualifying new vehicle when trading in an older model that gets 18 mpg or less. Additional government action increased the program’s funding to $3 billion, enough for about 750,000 total clunker trades.

Talking points

1. Two of these cartoons make a political comment about the Cash for Clunkers program. The other could be considered a gag cartoon. Which one?
2. In Jack Ohman’s cartoon at top, who is the salesman? Who is the potential buyer? Now write a sentence summing up the point of the cartoon.
3. Matt Davies’ cartoon doesn’t reference the auto industry at all. Who are the “clunkers” in Matt’s view?

Additional resources

Association of American Editorial Cartoonists
http://editorialcartoonists.com/
More by Jack Ohman
More by Matt Davies
http://davies.lohudblogs.com/
More by Randy Bish
http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/BishR