

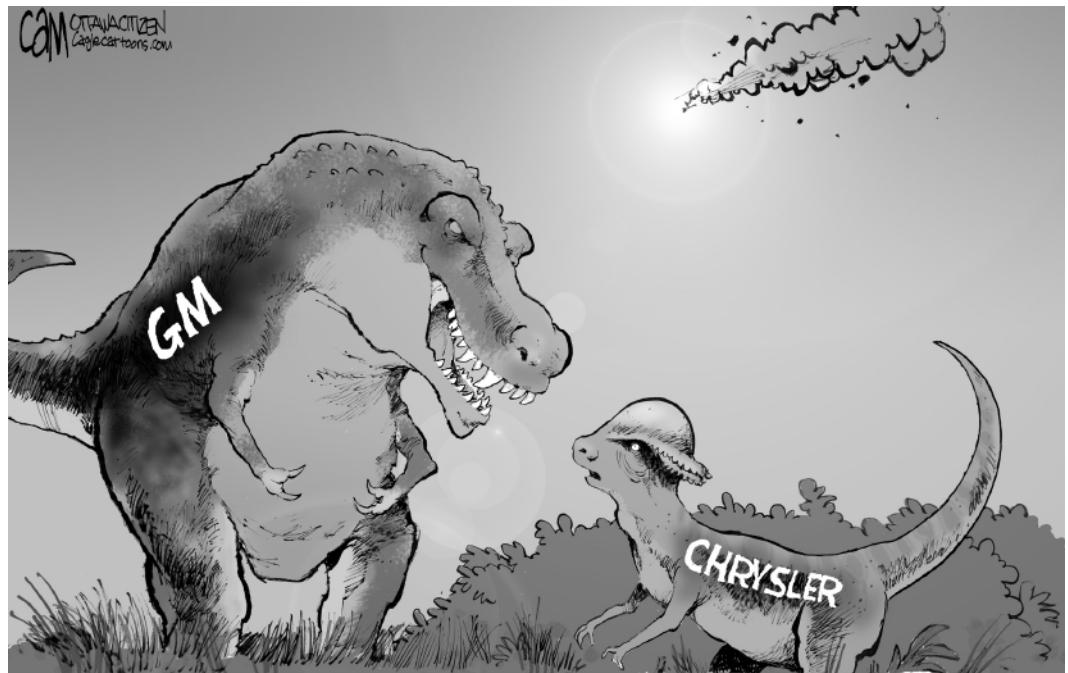
Cartoons for the Classroom



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Between the lines

Speculation over the fate of the Chrysler group reached a fever pitch this week as its parent company appeared ready to sell off the ailing U.S. automaker. With Toyota poised to overtake General Motors as the largest automaker in the world and Ford in the midst of a painful restructuring, it's pretty easy to speculate that Detroit's Big 3 may be facing extinction.



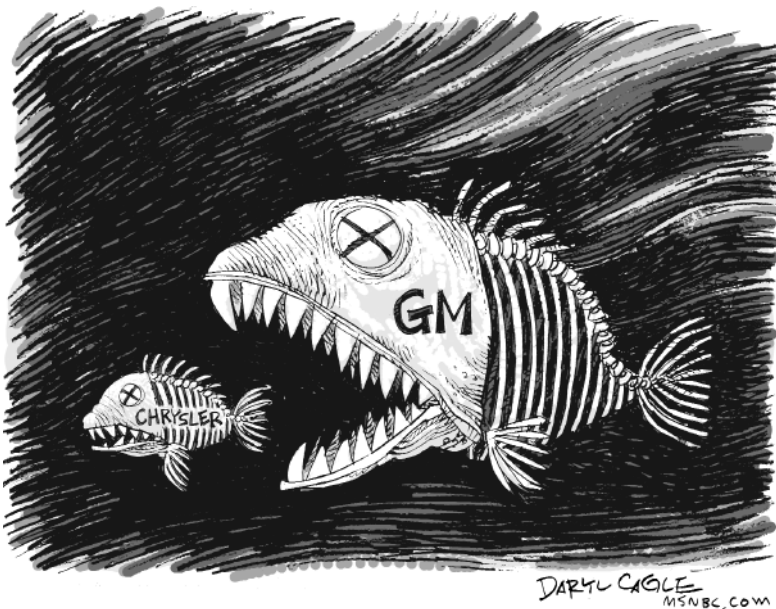
THE GIANT CARNIVORE WAS ABOUT TO ENJOY AN AFTERNOON SNACK WHEN SUDDENLY A BRIGHT LIGHT APPEARED OVER THE YUCATAN PENINSULA...

Cartoon Courtesy Cam Cardow / The Ottawa Citizen

Taking swipes at the Auto Industry

Talking points

1. Daryl Cagle puts a fresh spin on a cliché in his take on GM pursuing Chrysler at left. Big fish always gobble up the little fish, but what's the point Cagle's making here?
2. Cam Cardow's message is similar in the toon above. Why does he depict the auto companies as dinosaurs? What's the bright light? What's about to happen to both combatants?
3. If you removed the labels, what other industries could fit these toons? Airlines? Satellite radio? Newspapers? Any others?



Additional resources

Association of American Editorial Cartoonists
<http://editorialcartoonists.com/>

More by Daryl Cagle
<http://cagle.com/>

More by Cam Cardow
<http://cagle.com/politicalcartoons/PCcartoons/cam.asp>

Get out your newspaper

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