

## United Auto Workers, Ford reach contract agreement

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DEARBORN, Mich. — The United Auto Workers and Ford Motor Co. reached a tentative contract agreement Wednesday night, nearly 24 hours after the old accord expired.

High-ranking officials with the union and the automaker met in a marathon session to settle differences over minor sticking points. In a statement earlier in the day, Ford said all major issues had been decided.

"We are confident we have reached an agreement that ... sustains the momentum of the domestic auto industry turnaround," said UAW President Owen Bieber.

Complete details of the three-year agreement were withheld pending discussion with the UAW-Ford National Bargaining Council in a meeting Monday. The council consists of presidents and shop chairmen from each of the 43 Ford union locals.

The UAW represents 96,000 Ford workers

nationwide.

A national strike against Ford had been authorized, but union leaders said they would be willing to continue negotiating after the old three-year contract expired if progress was being made. The Ford-UAW negotiations formally began June 24.

The union extended its agreements with General Motors Corp. for three days during talks in 1990 and for about a day at Ford in 1987.

## Bush

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"He hasn't been running for office all his life, that's true," Rove said. "But he's got very concrete ideas about what needs to be done. He'll present a reform agenda on curtailing the growth of state government, improving education, creating jobs."

Born in Connecticut, Bush grew up in Midland and Houston. In 1961, he was sent to Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. After prep school, he enrolled in his father's alma mater, Yale, receiving a bachelor's degree in history in 1968.

He flew F-102 fighters in the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam War, and received a master's in business administration from Harvard in 1975.

He then moved to Midland and started an oil and gas exploration company. In 1977, he married Laura Welch. They have twin daughters. In 1978, Bush lost a race to then-Democrat Kent Hance, who poked fun at his Eastern roots and Ivy League education.

In 1989, a Dallas-Fort Worth investor group led by Bush and businessman Edward W. Rose purchased controlling interest in the Rangers. Bush these days usually is found in the stands.

"The thing that personifies George Bush is the Rangers games," Meyer said. "He's out there, sitting with the regular fans, wearing his jeans and his boots, chewing on his cigar."

Perry said Bush is "a great guy to go to a baseball game with and sit in the cheap seats."

Bush was viewed as a possible gubernatorial contender in 1990, but family pressure reportedly kept him out of the race.

Late last month, as several prominent Republicans considered the race, Bush met privately in a Houston office tower with oilman Rob Mosbacher, son of President Bush's former commerce secretary. Mosbacher also was weighing a run for governor.

Bush returned home to Dallas without talking to the press. But Mosbacher emerged to say he would sit out 1994 and predict that Bush would be the Republican nominee. Both Dallas lawyer Tom Luce, a former adviser to Ross Perot, and Texas House GOP leader Tom Craddick quickly backed away, too.

Democrats hooted at the process.

"A primary election is supposed to be when the people pick their candidates. It looks to me like the Republicans — and their hired gun consultants — take their party for granted," Martin said.

One reason the GOP may want to avert a bloody in-house rivalry is the popularity of Richards, who won her first term in 1990. A Texas Poll earlier this year found her with a 58 percent approval rating.

The governor says she's ready for whatever happens.

## AFC

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people under one umbrella."

Beauchamp said AFC has been in existence for 26 years but wasn't chartered by A&M until this year.

"A group of involved students got together and didn't like the fact that it wasn't recognized," Beauchamp said.

Now that the organization is officially recognized by the University, members are hoping the organization will grow. Beauchamp said an average of 500 people have attended recently sponsored events.

AFC also acts as a service organization by working with children who live in orphanages and making weekend inner city mission trips to Dallas and Houston.

Although the organization does not have any officers, Beauchamp said, when something needs to be done, someone is always willing to do it.

"Most of the members really want to get involved," she said.

The group meets for devotionals every Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. in front of the Academic Building.

Members also meet before every Midnight Yell Practice at the Eternal Flame.

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