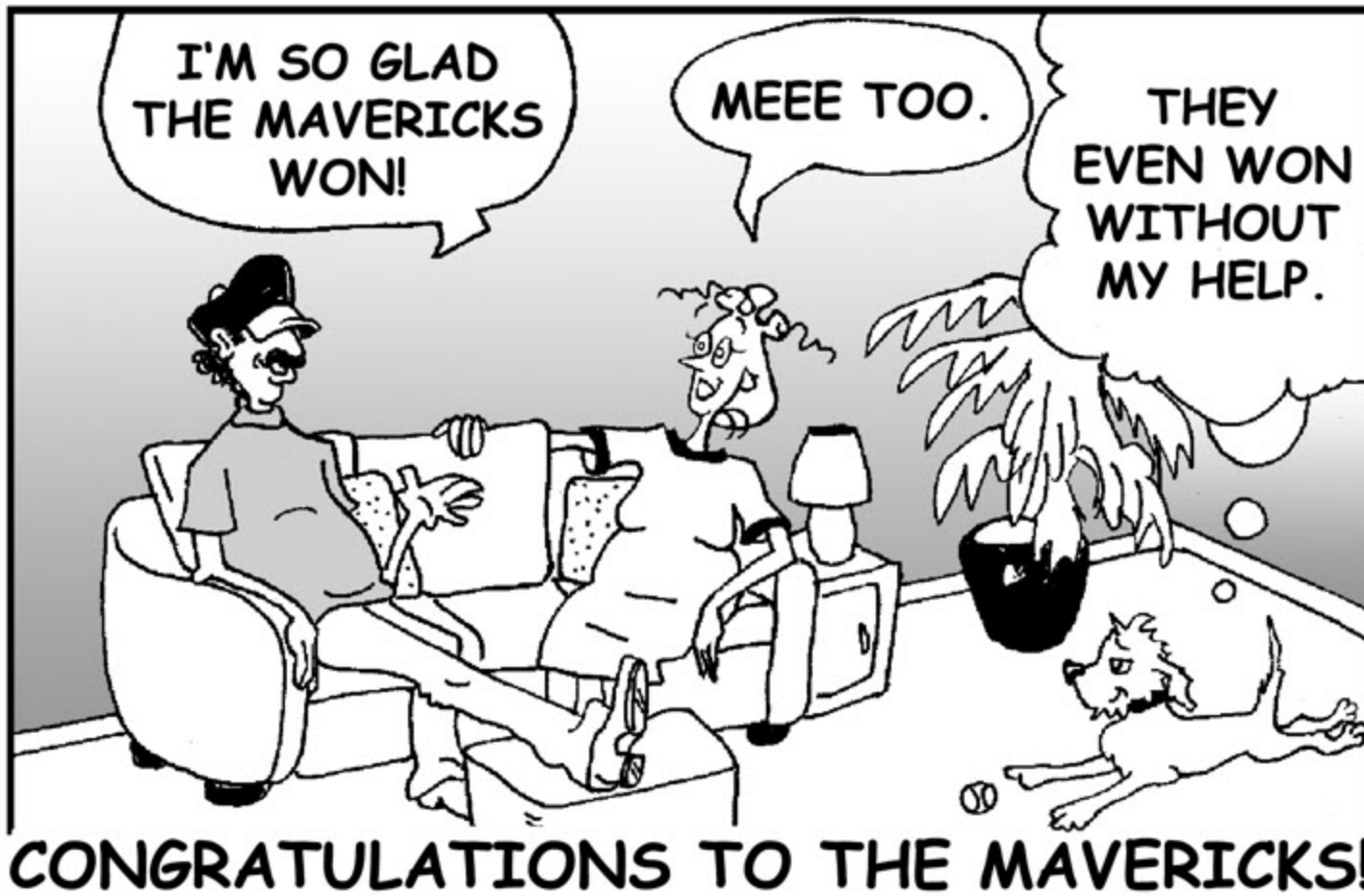


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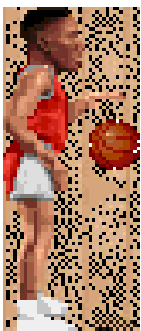


The Dallas Mavericks beat the Miami Heat 105-95 in the game 6 of the NBA games on Sunday, June 12. The Mavericks won four of the series last five games.

This is the Dallas Mavericks' first NBA championship. Five years after a loss in Dallas to the Miami Heat (2006) the Mavericks turned the tables on the Heat to win the championship in Miami.

The City of Dallas held a parade for the team on Thursday, June 16.

NOTE: The comic strip on this page was sent to us by David and Doreen Dotson of California. We met the Dotsons at a Texas Press Association Convention several years ago and have carried their Outskirts comic strip since that time (even now in our online news).



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Clown Kelly with Jackson Adkins



Crowd posing with their very own circus noses

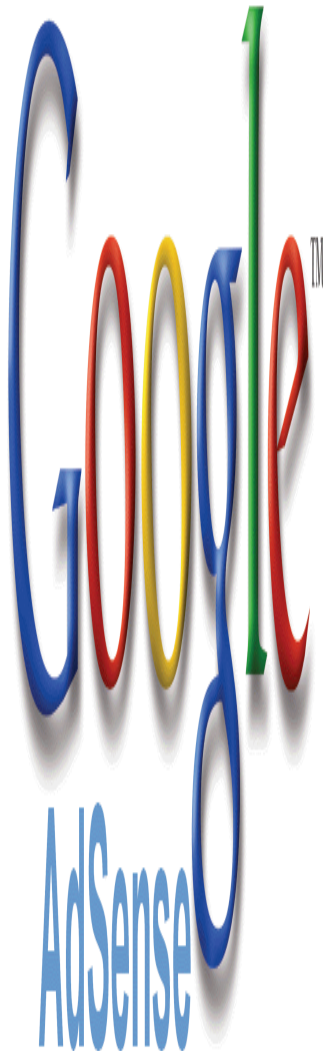
Circus Clown at Howe Community Library

Circus Clown Kelly with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus visited the Howe Community Library on June 14. This was Kelly's fourth visit to the library.

Kelly entertained a crowd of all ages with his humorous jokes and tricks. He juggled balls and circus cups while filling the library with lots of laughter.

For his grand finale, Kelly balanced a spinning plate on his head, stood on a tottering board, and juggled bowling pins!

Kelly also encouraged the children to participate in the library's summer reading program. By reading books during the summer break, participants can earn prizes and a free ticket to attend the circus. For additional information about free reading programs and activities, contact your local library.



Sage Weatherly sports a red nose

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Junior Golf Clinic June 20-22

The Grayson County College Golf Course will host a Junior Golf Clinic from 9 to 11:30 a.m. June 20-22. Designed for ages 7 to 17, the clinic is led by golf professional Tim Inman.

The cost is \$100 per student. On June 20, students will learn about golf course etiquette, chipping and putting. On June 21, instruction covers basics of the swing, irons and woods. On June 23, students will review what they've learned and then participate in a four-hole scramble. In addition, lunch is included on June 22 and 23.

Deadline to register is June 17 by 5 pm. To register or for more information, contact the GCC Golf Course Pro Shop at 903-786-9719 or email golfcourse@grayson.edu.



GCC's SBDC Offers Internet Marketing Seminar

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Grayson County College and the Sherman Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a free seminar to help small business owners better understand the world of internet marketing. The seminar is scheduled for June 22, 10 am- noon on the GCC Main campus. The program is open to the public and all small business owners are encouraged to attend.

Leslie Connally, a consultant with the Risk Management SBDC in Dallas, will be the trainer. Connally works with business owners who are considering internet marketing options such as Facebook and Twitter as well as those needing help in the creation of business websites. The Risk Management SBDC also provides training and counseling on the topic of cyber security. A question and answer period will be a part of the program. Private consultations can also be arranged for small business owners needing more in-depth assistance. One-on-one consulting at Small Business Development Centers is always free of charge to clients.

Seating is limited and pre-registration is required. To reserve a seat for the seminar and obtain directions to the meeting room please call the SBDC office at 903-463-8787 or e-mail jeffcoatsh@grayson.edu. Sherman Chamber of Commerce members may also register on the Chamber website.

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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

I love libraries. I have loved libraries since I was a small child.

When I lived in Fort Worth during my elementary school years and during the summer, the Fort Worth Library sent out a bookmobile to the suburbs.

It came by every two weeks and the bus-like structure was filled with books -- mainly for children, but adults also had a selection of books to check out.

I could even request a certain book I wanted to read for them to bring the next time.

I spent those years living in a quiet neighborhood called Diamond Hill. In addition to reading in the summer, I played with two neighborhood girls about my age. Their names were Cheryl and Melissa (or Missy as she was called).

Back then we played cowboys and Indians. Most of the TV shows we watched were westerns and our favorites were Roy Rogers and Gene Autry. I look back on those summer days as a happy time in my life as I was growing up.

But I have little to complain about even now. It makes it easy to be a happy person when you have a lot of good things in your life.

Recipe



Sunny Vegetable Salad

3 cups broccoli florets
3 cups cauliflower florets
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup raisins
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup sugar
1 Tablespoon cider vinegar or red wine vinegar
4 slices bacon, crisp-cooked and crumbled
2 Tablespoons sunflower seed kernels

Toss the broccoli, cauliflower, cheese, onion and raisins in a salad bowl. Add the mayonnaise mixture to the broccoli mixture and mix until coated. Chill, covered, for 1 hour. Sprinkle with the bacon and sunflower kernels just before serving.

Serves: 8

Community Garage Sale

The youth group at A Christian Fellowship
and

The women's group at Liberty Lighthouse Church

are planning a big garage sale
On Saturday, June 18th, 2011

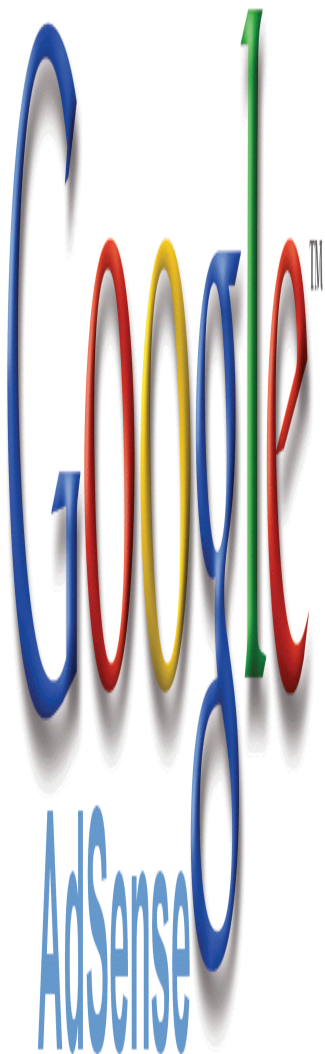
We would like to invite the community.
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Most Valuable Player - Johnny Johnson, Jr., Tom Bean

Defensive Player of the Year - Travis Hill, Jr. Tom Bean

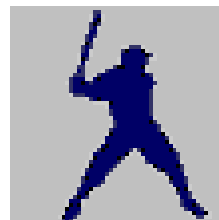
Newcomer of the Year - Luke Parrish, Soph, Tom Bean

First team - Pitchers - Tucker Salsman, Jr., Tom Bean

First team - Infielders - Brandon Bramer, Soph., Tom Bean

Second team - Outfielders - Cade Newell, Jr. Tom Bean

Second Team - Utility - Logan LeDane, Fr., Tom Bean



Our Energy Grant

Summer days are now cooler and winter days will be warmer due to the energy efficiency renovations recently completed at the City Hall in Tom Bean, located in North Texas just about 50 miles north of Dallas.

Tom Bean used a \$23,030 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act awarded through SECO to add new insulation and ridge vents in the attic of City Hall, and a new awning running the entire length of the building front.

“When the building was completed back in 2003, insulation was very sparse in the attic. The air conditioning and heating units ran much of the time due to the inefficiency of the building, costing the city money. We also had unshaded windows and large doors on the front of the building. The summer sun would heat up those glass areas and never allow the building to cool properly. Everyone would have a personal fan on to keep fairly comfortable in the summertime,” Mayor Sherry E. Howard reports.

“The energy efficiency improvements have been wonderful to experience in these last few months. This grant gave us the means to improve the comfort of our employees and citizens, and save energy and dollars for our taxpayers. This has been the 'talk of the town!'”



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Van Alstyne Library News

Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters

June 13 - The regular meeting of the Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters was called to order by Sergeant-at-Arms MJ Presley. Stuart Presley was Toastmaster of the Day. He introduced the word of the day, "credulous: ready to believe." His theme was "Be a Leader. M.J. Presley spoke about "Ants," introducing several traits of ants that we all should emulate. Dorothy Bishop spoke on "Friends." Juanita Hazelton evaluated Presley and Stuart Presley evaluated Bishop. Table Topics Master Stuart Presley challenged Juanita Hazelton, Chuck Bardroff, and MJ Presley to speak extemporaneously for up to 2 minutes on topics related to leadership. Chuck Bardroff was chosen as the best table topics speaker. Dorothy Bishop was best speaker. Juanita Hazelton and Stuart Presley tied for best evaluator. Garrett Shaw was inspirational speaker. Lamon Shaw was Guest.

A short business meeting followed. Area Governor MJ Presley announced the Toastmasters Leadership Institute on Saturday July 9 at Presbyterian Hospital, 82 Walnut Hill, in Dallas. Stuart Presley read an invitation to the retirement party for Juanita Hazelton on Saturday, June 18, from 5-7. The agenda for the next Van Alstyne Voices meeting on Monday June 20 will be sent out by Allison Presley. All members are urged to sign up for roles.

Toastmasters International is a not-for-profit educational organization whose mission is to help people develop their communication skills. Toastmasters can help people build their self-confidence and develop speaking skills in a friendly, positive environment. Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters meets each Monday evening at 7 pm. The meeting is currently in the Independent Bank Building. Visitors are welcome. Call Public Relations Officer Juanita Hazelton at 903-482-5991 for more information.



By Tracy Luscombe

As I begin this article (on Wednesday, June 8) I'm listening to the excited voices of children enjoying our Meet the Firemen program. 72 children and adults got to know some of our Van Alstyne fire heroes, learned about fire safety, made their own fire fighter hats, and got to sit in the big fire truck. Thanks to Captain Smith and his team for such a great program for our children.

Your Library Needs You! We need a volunteer who is bilingual to conduct a bilingual story time for a few children each week. The group meets on Tuesdays 4 – 5 pm. Generally the program involves reading a bilingual story and helping the children learn the words in their non-native language, then supervise coloring time. If you can help with this please call me at 903-482-5991.

Here are our programs for the week of June 20 – 24. We hope you'll join us

Tuesday – Crafts for ages 6-13, 11 am – noon, Bilingual story time 4-5 pm

Wednesday – Rochelle Robouin presents World Music for children 10:15 – 11:15 am

Thursday – Children's Movie 4 – 5:30 pm

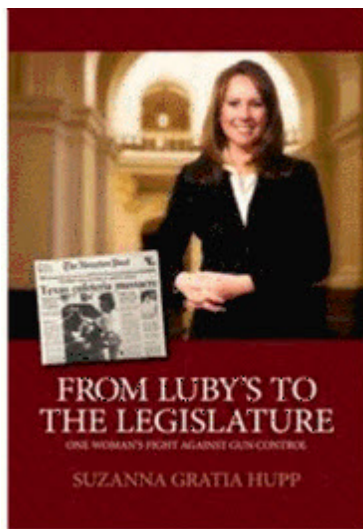
Hope to see you around the library!

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Why I Fight Against Gun Control

Suzanna Hupp: "Don't blame guns. Blame politicians that legislate away the right to carry a gun to protect ourselves & families."

Suzanna Hupp, former Texas State Rep and author of the book From Luby's to the Legislature, will be speaking on June 24th at Images of Dance, 519 W. Main Street, #102, Denison. Her talk about gun control and 2nd Amendment rights starts at 7 pm. A C&W dance follows the talk.

"I made the most stupid decision of my life when I decided, several months before the Luby's shooting, to stop carrying a revolver in my purse in the event that I would be caught and lose my chiropractor's license. That decision left me unarmed at the time when I most needed a gun. I'm not mad at the guy that killed 23 people that day. How can I be mad at a rabid dog? I don't blame guns. I blame politicians that legislated away my right to carry a gun to protect myself and my family."

This is Suzanna's story. It is the story of someone who experienced the tragedy of state mandated personal disarmament, and her decades-long fight against the elitist arrogance of those who would perpetuate by law a society in which the use of arms for personal defense is not allowed.

Suzanna helped author and pass Texas' concealed handgun law. She testified before the US Congress:
<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4069761537893819675>

She will sell and, of course, personalize a copy of her book for you. There will also be a silent auction and raffle. Look forward to an inspiring evening followed by fun and dancing to C&W music by Southern Cross. Please join us.

This event is sponsored by the Texoma Patriots, a tea party organization serving Grayson and Fannin counties. For additional information, contact kaarent@verizon.net.

The following businesses and individuals contributed to make this event happen: Red River Firearms LLC, Spear's Shooters Supply, Michael Munn, Ellen Koehne, Beverly & Royce Naud, Ron Clayton, Lou Keating, Harley-Davidson, Rep Larry Phillips, Sen Craig Estes, BuckSnort BBQ, TX Border Volunteers, ACT! for America,

June 24th, 7 pm
SUZANNA HUPP
519 W Main St
Denison, TX

(Images of Dance Studio)

Where were you October 16, 1991?

On that date in Killeen, TX, George Pierre Hennard "Jo Jo" drove his pickup truck into a Luby's Cafeteria and shot 23 people to death while wounding another 20. The Luby's massacre was the deadliest shooting rampage in American history until 2007.

Our speaker, Suzanna Gratia-Hupp, was there. Her parents were killed by this madman. Her gun was in her car because legislators had taken away the right to carry. She ran for and was elected to the Texas House of Representatives and was a leading advocate of an individual's right to carry a concealed weapon.

Come hear her story. Then join your neighbors & fellow patriots for an evening of fun and dancing to Southern Cross band. We will hold a raffle and silent auction to help cover the costs of this event. Please be generous.

Put on by the Texoma Patriots, a tea party organization serving Grayson & Fannin counties – kaarent@verizon.net.

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The Sound Of Music Closes SCP's Season

On Friday evening, June 3, the Sherman Community Players will be opening **The Sound of Music**, the final show in the theatre's 2010-2011 Season. Written and composed by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, this uplifting musical comedy is based on the memoirs of Maria von Trapp. It tells the story of a widowed naval captain who falls in love and weds a postulant from a nearby abbey, sent to be the governess of his seven children. Set against the beautiful mountains of Austria on the eve of World War II, the family escapes the German invasion, flees to America and later becomes a world-famous singing family.

The show was written for Texas-born Mary Martin and originally conceived as a non-musical that would feature songs from the Von Trapp Family Singers. The producers decided to add an original song or two by Rodgers and Hammerstein, but soon realized the show should feature all new songs and be a musical rather than a play.

The award-winning production opened on Broadway in 1959 and was later adapted as a popular and beloved film starring Julie Andrews and won five Academy Awards. The show has had numerous revivals on Broadway and is one of the most widely produced musicals in the world. Songs from the

production include *My Favorite Things*, *Do-Re-Mi*, *Sixteen Going On Seventeen*, *Climb Every Mountain* and many more.

Heading the 36-member cast of the SCP production is local music teacher Laura Dominick as Maria, Sherman optometrist Jerry Gundersheimer as Captain von Trapp and Grayson College librarian Lisa Hebert as the Mother Abbess. The seven children are played by Lauren Fanning, Trey Alexander, McKenzie Baca, Rafe McConnell, Sarah McGinn, Lindsey Fanning and Zoey Griffith.

The production is directed by SCP artistic director Ron Cassady, assisted by musical director Fred Freeman who will also conduct the 17 member orchestra.

The Sound Of Music has performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 pm and Sunday afternoons at 2 pm through June 26. There will be a preview performance on Thursday evening, June 2 with all seats priced at \$5. Performances are held in the Finley Theatre at 500 N. Elm.

The box office opens for season members only on Monday and Tuesday, May 30 and 31 at 9 a.m. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Wednesday, June 1 at 10 am. The box office telephone number is 903-892-8818, and it is located in the Honey McGee Playhouse, located directly behind the Finley Theatre.

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Honoring a bull riding legend

By Bob Bowman

Myrtis Dightman has finally received the attention he should have had decades ago.

Born in Crockett in 1935, Dightman was a legendary bull rider who set all types of records for riding raging bulls in rodeo arenas across the United States.

On May 13, the people of Crockett gathered in front of the Porth Agricultural Arena to witness the unveiling of a statue of Dightman. Acclaimed sculptress Paula Devreaux captured the spirit and soul of Dightman.

The Texas bull rider was not only the first black cowboy to go to the National Rodeo Finals, but he did it seven times.



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

A friend recommends that we nominate Maxine for President of the United States. The friend sent with her recommendation five cartoons and several wise sayings.

Among those sayings, the one I like best was, "Just think. In 40 years we're going to have a lot of old ladies running around with tattoos and pierced navels. Now that's scary."

Indeed it is and also amazing. Fifty years ago, when we kids were reading *National Geographic*, hoping we would find a photograph of a naked native from somewhere in the world, our parents and our teachers told us how pathetic it was that those natives pierced their bodies and tattooed themselves. It was, they told us, symbolic of how primitive they were.

We were told that these mutilations had started as attempts to become ugly enough that slave traders would not kidnap them and haul them off to the United States or to some other part of the world. After all, the better looking the kidnapped person was, the more likely to bring a big price. A kidnappee who was ugly, either naturally or by choice was just not a profit-maker for the kidnapper.

Eventually, the mutilations became part of the culture and were desirable within the culture, although we more civilized souls were appalled by them.

Things have changed.

Now, when I go into Wal Mart or the grocery store or a sporting goods store, it would be hard for me to find a clerk who is not pierced somewhere. Ears, noses, eyebrows, tongues, and even though they aren't exposed at work, navels. In my research on the piercing phenomenon, I ran across something called a Prince Albert piercing. Its description is not fit to print in a family newspaper.

In addition to the piercings, people are paying to let themselves be used as canvases for colorful art work. Backs, faces, arms, tops of bald heads, ankles, thighs, arms, and other parts of the anatomy are marked permanently with the same pigment that's used in automobile paint.

If it were just young people, whose brains have not fully formed in the area that controls judgment, piercings and paintings might be a little more understandable, but if you start looking, you will find grandmothers and grandfathers with gray hair and obviously fresh tattoos.

I have even seen aging male hippies -- you can tell because they have their waist length gray hair in braided pony tails hanging down their backs -- who sag their britches so that their underwear is exposed. I suspect they would like to expose something else, but dare not for fear of being laughed out of town.



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BOB BOWMAN'S

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He was also the first living black cowboy to be inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, the National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame, the Professional Bull Riders Ring of Honor, and the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame.

"This dedication and desire, coupled with talent, made Myrtis' dream come true and helped to pave the way for others who wanted to realize their dreams," said a friend.

Dightman endured insults and prejudice as a black bull rider, but he made the nation take notice when he finished eighth in the world standings of bull riders.

In Oklahoma City, he just missed placing in the first round and didn't have a score in the next two rounds. But in the eighth round, it was Dightman's time to shine. The crowd was stunned to see a black cowboy tie for the best ride in the final round of the rodeo's most dangerous event.

Over the years, Dightman endured death threats, beatings, corrupt rodeo judges and promoters who wouldn't let him compete in front of white spectators, stock contractors who assigned to him the meanest bulls, and other forms of abuse during his career.

Even when he went home to Crockett to ride in a rodeo, the promoters wouldn't let him ride until the crowd had left the arena. He rode a bull that had not been ridden before, and won the bull riding event.

"I went to a lot of rodeos where they held me to the last, but it didn't make a difference because I usually won anyway." he remembered. Frequently turned away from motels and restaurants, Dightman lived out of his old Chevrolet during his rodeo years.

In 1972, Dightman qualified for his sixth and final National Rodeo Finals. When Dightman asked a longtime white rodeo rider what it would take to win a world title, Freckles Brown told him: "Keep riding like you've been riding, and turn white."

In 1997, Dightman became the first living black cowboy inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

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Dot's Dashes, continued

My bet is that in about 10 years, plastic surgeons will be doing a land office business repairing ear lobes with dime or quarter sized holes in them and that they will have found a way to get rid of really awful tattoos without leaving huge scars.

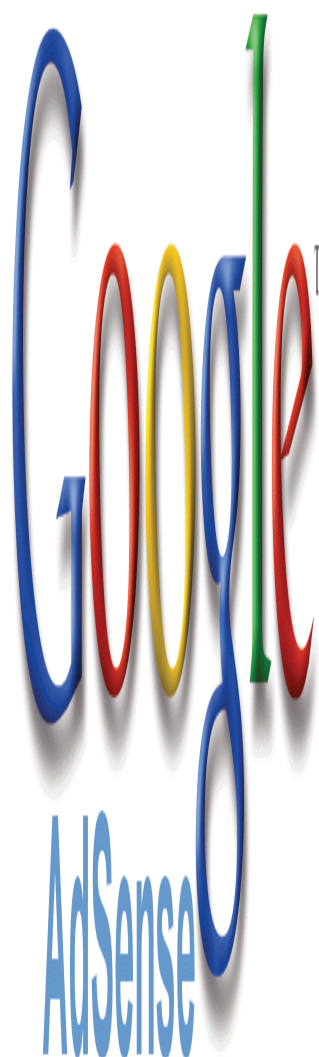
Somehow, I don't believe I'm the only one who will refuse to do business with a car dealership that hires a service manager with a pierced tongue or a bank that hires an account manager with a tattoo on his face.

The superintendent of schools in Sherman has decreed that teachers who have tattoos must keep them covered while they are at school, a decree that has caused more than one teacher to wear a Scrunchie on her ankle and has put several men into long sleeve shirts. I am one hundred percent in favor of covering the body art work.

I can't imagine that ATT or Phillips' Petroleum, or Bank of America or the United States State Department would put pierced or tattooed people in the front office.

Maybe that's what this craze is really about. People who are piercing themselves and getting themselves painted may be trying to make themselves so undesirable in the job market that they can't get a job and they won't have to work.

It surely can't be that they seriously think piercings and paintings make them prettier or more handsome.



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How to Ensure Your Last Wishes Are Carried Out

By Philip Moeller

Retaining control over life decisions and maintaining dignity as the end of life approaches are top priorities for nearly everyone. These objectives can be achieved by good planning and the preparation of the proper directives under your state's laws. These safeguards have been greatly improved in many states in recent years. Still, experts say, few seniors have the right tools to make sure their end-of-life wishes are followed by family members and caregivers.

"There is some research out there that indicates that 90 to 95 percent of people think advance directives are a great idea," says Karen B. Hirschman, a research assistant professor who specializes in aging at the University of Pennsylvania. However, she adds, at most, 30 to 35 percent of people have actually developed such directives, and the total may well be less.

"Part of that is that in our society, we don't want to have these conversations," Hirschman says. "We don't want to talk about death and dying. Putting together a plan to some people seems very morbid."

People often think of such matters only when they or a family member are seriously ill. But if a stroke, dementia, or another incapacitating event occurs, it may be too late. If people cannot make decisions for themselves and do not have directives or a power of attorney in place, decisions may be made for them that they would never have agreed with if they had been able to decide.

Michael A. Kirtland, an elder care attorney in Colorado Springs, Colo., says there are two ways to make sure your final wishes are followed: One is through legal documents, and the second is by communicating your wishes to anyone who might be involved in carrying out those wishes should you become incapacitated.

"Everybody ought to have either a will or revocable living trust," he says, with the preferred document depending largely on applicable state law. "Everybody ought to have a medical power of attorney ... and everybody should have a living will." Several elder care lawyers in other states interviewed by U.S. News were not always in favor of living wills. But they all advocated a power of attorney for healthcare reasons, also called a healthcare proxy in some states. And some attorneys said they also recommended a separate power of attorney for property matters in addition to a healthcare proxy.

"The most important document they can have is the power of attorney for healthcare," says Kristi Vetri, who practices in O'Fallon in downstate Illinois and also in South Dakota. In creating this directive, "you have to rationalize in your own mind, if you can't make these decisions, what is the quality of life that you expect when you wake up? Once you get that quality-of-life decision made, that goes into the quality of care you want."

"Then I tell them, now I want you to put down what you want your loved ones to know," she says. Vetri recommends that people record their final wishes, on video if they're comfortable. Other attorneys stressed that people should communicate their wishes broadly. "It does no good to do these legal documents if you then hide them in a safety deposit box or put them on a shelf," Kirtland says. "By telling your loved ones your feeling on the subject," he explains, "you are more likely to get the kind of medical treatment you would prefer if you were making the decision."

"A lot of these documents have different names in different states," says Wendy Sheinberg, who practices on Long Island. In New York, the power of attorney cannot be used to make medical choices, she says, so a healthcare proxy is needed. "The healthcare proxy becomes effective at the time when you are unable to make medical decisions for yourself." However, the proxy is not limited to end-of-life situations. A living will, by contrast, does speak to end of life decisions, she explains. As such, it may include very specific wishes in the event a patient's condition is terminal and they are unable to speak for themselves.

The healthcare proxy, or power of attorney, leaves more specific decisions in the hands of the healthcare agent or advocate who you designate as your proxy. For this reason,

attorneys say, you should find someone (usually a family member) you trust who either agrees with your wishes, or at least promises to carry them out. Often, the agent is required to sign the healthcare proxy as well, to acknowledge an understanding and acceptance of his or her role.

"People have kind of an alarming tendency to believe after they've had a discussion with the spouse about their end-of-life preferences that their spouse understands what their end-of-life preferences is," says Sara M. Moorman, an assistant professor at Boston College's Department of Sociology and Institute on Aging. "It remains to be seen whether that is the case, and it probably isn't."

Moorman says seniors who confront end-of-life issues often discover that their wishes turn on whether their death is more about them or the loved ones they leave behind. "Do you care more about what happens to you?" she asks. "Or do you care more about what happens to your loved ones when you're about to die in a few days? It turns out that a lot of people's preferences for end of life have to do with not wanting to be a burden to somebody else."

The first, and often hardest, step toward creating final directives, experts agree, is having an extended conversation about how you want to be treated at the end of your life. Elder law attorneys say they may devote many hours to helping people not only select the right healthcare advocate but open up and seriously think about how they want to end their life. The discussion usually begins between spouses and spreads to other family members. But in the case of an older parent whose spouse has died, an adult child often triggers the discussion.

"They are very hard conversations to have, and they are important to have," Sheinberg says. "This can't be over the phone. You have to sit down with these people and say, 'I trust you, I love you, and I'd like you to be the person to make medical choices for me.' You have to really sit there and have that conversation." Family dynamics often make choosing the best advocate difficult, and a spouse or child simply may not agree with a person's final wishes or be able to carry them out when the time comes.

"Clients have weird thought processes," says Will Lucius, an elder law attorney who works at Paul A. Sturgul Law Offices in Hurley, Wisc. "Sometimes they will think child 'A' is too compassionate to make the tough health issues. Sometimes they go in order of age. Sometimes they try to balance them out."

Gregory S. French, an elder law attorney in Cincinnati, says he favors separate powers of attorney documents for healthcare and property because they require different attributes in an effective agent. "I often find the best advocate for care and wellbeing may not be the best person to manage finances, and vice versa," he says.

"The sad cases I see are people with debilitating conditions, and they wait and wait and wait," says Kirtland. "If people would come to me as their health issues are first discovered by their physicians ... then I can provide some help." If they wait until their decision-making abilities are compromised, however, they may not even be able to execute advance directives, and key decisions will be taken out of their hands.

"When their spouse is suffering from advanced dementia and they're looking at the door of a nursing home," Lucius notes, "they're not terribly interested in having a will or doing estate planning. They're trying to figure out how to come up with \$7,000 a month to afford the nursing home."

"I don't think you can ironclad final-care wishes," sums up Howard Krooks, who practices elder law in Boca Raton, Fla. "I think you can state what you want but then [you have to] cross your fingers. It's a question of whether the healthcare providers are on board with what you say you want done." The medical profession's goal to preserve and extend life may still be in conflict with end-of-life wishes.

"I think that that is starting to get stripped away, and the concept of dying with dignity is starting to take hold," Krooks says. "But it's going to take some time."

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Letter to the Editor

June 19 may be Fathers Day but the entire month of June is Men's Health Month. Anchored by a Congressional health education program, Men's Health Month is celebrated across the country with screenings, health fairs, media appearances, and other health education and outreach activities.

The purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. This month gives health care providers, public policy makers, the media, and individuals an opportunity to encourage men and boys to seek regular medical advice and early treatment for disease and injury.

If you're a man, give yourself a health check up. If you want to do something nice for your dad on Father's Day, help him make a doctor's appointment. What better gift to give than the gift of health!

Don Mathis, Sherman, TX



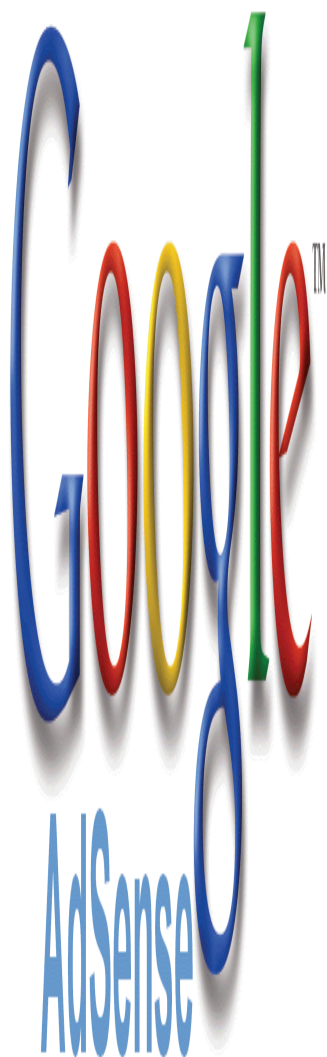
Special Session

This week, the legislature continued to meet and debate legislation. The House passed Senate Bill 7 on Thursday, which seeks improve the quality and efficiency of health care in Texas. It is estimated that SB 7 will save the state \$468 million over the next biennium. SB 7 will now go to conference committee to work out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill.

Also on Thursday, the House took up on second reading two fiscal matters bills. These bills are needed to certify the budget, and encompass a broad range of issues. Debate on these two bills was ongoing at the time of this writing, but are expected to pass the House and then go to a conference committee. The House Committee on Redistricting passed out a congressional map on Thursday as well. It is expected that the House will take up the proposed map sometime next week.

Governor Perry also added additional items to the call this week: the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, sanctuary cities, and other law enforcement issues. The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, or TWIA, is the insurer of last resort for coastal residents who cannot otherwise get windstorm insurance. After Hurricane Ike, it became evident that reforms to the association were necessary. A bill reforming TWIA was passed by the House during the regular session, but time expired before the bill could pass the Senate. Legislation prohibiting so-called "sanctuary cities" also passed the House during the regular session, but was not passed by the Senate in time. Legislation regarding sanctuary cities is currently pending in the Senate.

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MHMR Name Change

On April 27, 2011, Trustees of what has been named Mental Health/Mental Retardation Services of Texoma (or MHMR Services of Texoma) determined that the Center will change its name to "Texoma Community Center."

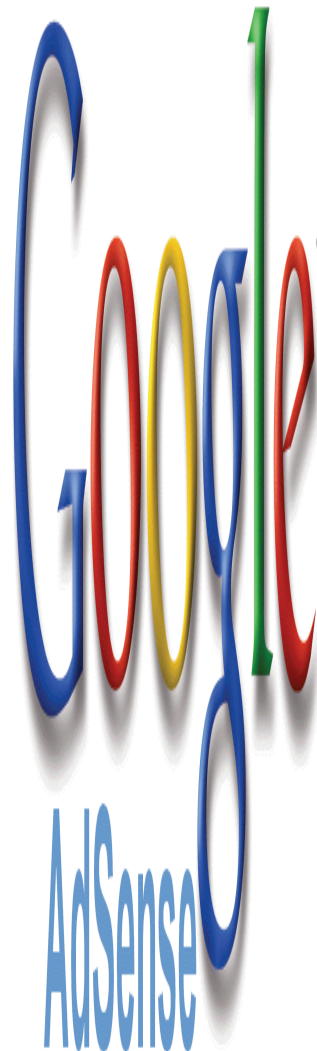
Executive Director Tony Maddox said, "This action shows the earnest desire of Trustees to follow federal and numerous state governments' recognition that the term 'retardation' has taken on negative derivative connotation in our society. Referring to people as 'retards' has become common in the entertainment world, and in everyday 'school yard-like' language, and it is demeaning to people who have the same desire for respect and personal self-sufficiency as others. It is time to begin using language that conveys dignity and respect for people who have no choice about having a disability. The local organization now being called 'Texoma Community Center' chooses to be a leader in attempting to create an important cultural change."

"In deciding on the new name," Mr. Maddox said, "the Board of Trustees recognized that most public organizations providing services to individuals with mental health and intellectual disabilities are already simply referred to as 'community centers,' and that using the selected new name will allow future opportunities for expanding services to different populations without being tied to any particular diagnostic group."

Mr. Maddox said that internal use of the new name for the Center will begin immediately and be reflected in revised policies and procedures. It will take several months for a legal name change to be made, and for more personalized notice to be given to the Center's many stakeholders. He expects that a formal ceremony in August will provide broad community recognition for the name change.

President Barack Obama signed into federal law, on October 5, 2010, S.2781. The law, sponsored by Senator Barbara Mikulski and referred to as "Rosa's Law," received unanimous support from both houses of Congress. It was based on a groundswell of support for a young lady named Rosa Marcellio who has a genetic condition called Down's Syndrome; a condition that is almost invariably associated with intellectual impairment. Sensitive to the plight of Rosa and her family, and their having to experience derogatory references to her condition, the state of Maryland was the first to unanimously pass a bill that requires all new and revised laws and regulations to exchange of the term "retardation" for that of "intellectual disability;" thus hoping to create a more respectful environment of inclusion for Rosa and others similarly affected.

As referenced in the accompany announcement from the Texas Council of Community Centers (formally called the Texas Council of Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Centers), the Texas Legislature has followed the example set by the federal government by unanimously supporting HB 1481. The bill, written by Representative Vicki Truitt and sponsored by Senator Judith Zafferini, is referred to as the "Respectful Language Bill." It is expected to soon be signed by Governor Perry. Like the federal legislation, the Texas bill calls for all new and revised laws and regulations to use the term "intellectual disabilities."



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[Texas Records and Information Locator \(TRAIL\)](#) searches and locates information from over 180 Texas state agency web services.

[The Handbook of Texas Online](#) is a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography, and culture sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and the General Libraries at UT Austin.

[Texas Online](#): The official website for the Great State of Texas and provides instant access to almost 800 state and local government services.

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Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship in Luella begins each Sunday morning at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30, this week's speaker will be Denis Gray.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual. The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each week during worship time.

Each Wednesday night begins with a pot-luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional. The children will be having children's church throughout the summer, so come join them in some fun and worship. There are also home study groups throughout the week.

The Youth group and the women's group at Liberty Lighthouse Church are planning a big garage sale on Saturday, June 18th beginning @ 8 am and going throughout the day. The community is invited to join them at 150 Fellowship Dr in Luella, just off Hwy 11. Join them inside the church building and get out of the heat and browse over all the many different items.

The church is located just off Hwy 11 in Luella, look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill, the cross will light the way for you.

For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us.

Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

We have two radio programs each Sunday at 7:30 am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn.

The next Texomaland Summer Youth Series will be Tuesday June 21 at the Savoy church of Christ in Savoy, Texas. The theme this year is "Faithbook" with services beginning at 7:30 pm. Jeremy Sweet will bring a lesson on "Friends".

We invite everyone to our Vacation Bible School July 11 thru 15 each night at 7:30 pm. We have classes for all age groups. This year's theme is "Soldiers of Christ".

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>.

Wonder of Wonders

The Seven Wonders of the World (of the Ancient World) is a list of seven man-made wonders (built between 3000 B.C. and A.D. 476) that the ancients compiled:

* The Great Pyramid of Giza – a 13-acre, 450 foot high royal tomb.

* The Hanging Gardens of Babylon – They were "hanging" because they were elevated, perhaps built upon a ziggurat-type tower.

* The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus – a massive marble temple dedicated to the goddess of fertility, which housed her statue, which was said to have fallen from heaven.

* The Statue of Zeus at Olympia – It was 40 feet high. Zeus' body was made of ivory, and his robe and ornaments of gold.

* The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus – a huge, white marble tomb for a provincial ruler named Mausolus, so famous that all large tombs are now called mausoleums.

* The Colossus of Rhodes – a huge, bronze statue to the sun god Helios, about 120 feet high (about as high as the Statue of Liberty).

* The Lighthouse of Alexandria – It stood over 400 feet high with a fire burning at the top to give light.

Interestingly, of the Seven Wonders, only one remains: the Great Pyramid of Giza. *

There was another man-made structure that was built early in the 1st Century

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Wonder of Wonders, continued

A.D. Those who built it did not know that it would become the Wonder of Wonders.

The structure was the Cross of Christ....

What made THIS particular cross so significant was not the rough wood from which it was made, but the ONE that was hung upon it! It was not the wood but the One who was nailed to the cross that was and is the Wonder of Wonders! This One was the Son of God. He was nailed to the cross, not for His own sins, but for the sins of the world – OUR sins!

The cross upon which Jesus died is the Wonder of Wonders because it reveals the great LOVE of God. “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). WE were the ones who deserved to die for OUR sins, but Jesus took our place. And through HIS atoning sacrifice, we are saved from sin!

Jesus’ offer of salvation can be accepted by those who: place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

The actual cross upon which Jesus was crucified no longer exists, but the One who died for us is ALIVE! He rose from the dead, victorious over sin and death, and now offers to us the opportunity to share in His victory and life eternal.

Won’t YOU accept His offer on His terms?

David A. Sargent, Minister
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Neighborhood Genealogist - How to Preserve Records

by Dale Rideout

By now you have started to gather a fair bit of information. You have many names with their relationship to you along with birth and death dates and places. You have marriages and children and with some luck you are beginning to gather family stories. This is all your history and important to you and your family. How do we keep it all in order.

The most obvious choice is with a computer. There are many computer programs that are designed specifically for genealogy. Most of them range from about \$30 to over \$100. They all do about the same thing, but each one will have its own bells and whistles. Let me suggest that you not buy any one until you know which would suit your needs best. Do a lot of study about each one and just what you want your computer program to do for you. Check the bells and whistles so that you learn just what you want most in your program before purchasing any of them.

In the meantime, you can download Personal Ancestry File from FamilySearch.org. Got to the website. Click on "Go to Previous version." on the right-hand side about 1/2 way down the screen. When the new page opens, look on the right hand side for "Free PAF Family History Software." Near the bottom of the paragraph click on the words, "download PAF." Answer the questions and register for FamilySearch.org. You will download the software free and can begin your lifelong quest.

You should also keep a paper copy of everything you collect. I suggest using a simple three ring notebook with dividers. All of your Family Group Sheets, and Ancestry Sheets can be punched with a three hole punch and saved in that notebook. You will also have a minimum of eight sections for family names (surnames.) I suggest eight because that will take you back through your great-grandparents. As you have

success with your research, you can add more dividers for more surnames.

Choose you own method of organizing the records as you find out which information you most easily can acquire. You may want to file them by last name, alphabetically and then by year of birth with the newest records first and oldest ones last. This is all just a matter of choice and you may change it as you gain more information over the years.

When your binder gets full, then simply add another one, dividing the information between them. You can continue to add binders almost forever. One thing I would suggest is that you invest in some acid free paper, and pens designed for long lasting images. As you are doing your research you will find pages that have faded and the paper and ink have a lot to do with this fading.

Another thing to keep in mind is to "back-up" your work. I have my family history on four computers and several websites. I must admit that I have not made extra copies of my paper files. Do as I say not as I do. Keep a set of the files as well as your computer records at some location away from where you keep your research. I do not wish to scare folks, but a house fire could wipe out all your work. While some things can be replaced, your photos and records cannot, unless you have duplicates somewhere else.

As for your computer, let me tell you a little story. I have a friend who was working on her doctorate degree. She had all her information on her computer, including her dissertation. None of it was backed up and none of it was in paper form. One day a thief broke in and stole her computer. It was easy to get a new computer, but there was months of work in the research and writing of her dissertation. It all had to be done over. Back up your files. See you next month with more ideas about genealogy.

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Farmers go green without the scream

By Mike Barnett

“Going green. Without the scream.”

Saw that quote as I was checking out our Texas Farm Bureau website this week. It's called Texas Agriculture is Your Culture, a little promotion by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) that carries a big message.

On one side of this public service announcement (PSA) is a farmer taking care of business in his field. On the other side is an obviously agitated young lady hoisting a “Save the Earth” sign above her head.

(You can click on the *TDA Agriculture is Your Culture website* at the Texas Department website to see this.)

The message to consumers is powerful. While activists kick the sand to stir up controversy about the food we eat and the way it is grown, farmers and ranchers are tending their business of providing abundant food, fiber and fuel for all Americans—in an environmentally-friendly, sustainable way.

Agriculture is Your Culture carries three simple tenants:

- * Agriculture is the merging of nature and science that helps your world go 'round.
- * Agriculture is the hard-working people and innovations in science that allow you to live well.
- * Agriculture is the people, products and services that improve your quality of life.

Our urban friends suffer a steady stream of propaganda by activist groups who want to change the face of agriculture in this country. Too often the industry lends credence to these misspent arguments by getting in a fuss fight.

Maybe it's time for a new approach: Show and tell. Show consumers what you're doing to grow their food, fiber and fuel and tell them how farmers and ranchers use the tools of science and nature to make that happen.

Consumers are hungry to learn about the food they eat. And maybe we can save the activists from themselves. Agriculture Is Your Culture would be a good model to follow.

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Fighting Cancer and High Costs

By Douglas E. Schoen

Partisan fighting over skyrocketing Medicare costs has dominated the nation's healthcare discussion, overshadowing critical issues that must be addressed immediately.

We need a health care system that encourages medical innovation and drug creation. Ours is currently being constrained by regulatory complexity, patent expirations, budget cuts, and uncertainty about litigation exposure. At the same time, we need to determine ways to trim spending and cut costs on excessive and expensive parts of health care.

One issue of great concern is the rising costs associated with treating cancer. Although better cancer detection and decades of developing innovative cancer treatments are increasing cancer survival rates, this progress is also driving up the amount that is spent on cancer medicines.

The good news is that by 2020, the number of U.S. cancer survivors may rise 30%, to 18 million. Since 1980, life expectancy has increased about three years -- 83% of those gains are attributable to new treatments. One study found that since 1975, medicines have accounted for 50-60% of survival rate increases.

A new report from the National Cancer Institute found death rates fell about 1.6% yearly between 2003 and 2007. Such a decline is immensely valuable for our healthcare system. According to research by University of Chicago economists, decreasing cancer death rates by 10% would be worth approximately \$4.4 trillion in economic value to current and future generations.

Last year saw great progress in the development of new cancer treatments.

An American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) report identified 12 major advances last year, eight of which related to new medicines.

Unfortunately, this improvement has resulted in higher costs.

The National Cancer Institute estimates that medical costs associated with cancer could rise to \$207 billion by 2020. Last year, according to Medco's annual Drug Trend Report, prices for oncology medications rose 11.5%.

This is in part due to increased use, but largely because the costs of the therapies themselves are increasing and there is a limited amount of generic equivalents for these specialty drugs. Over 90% of anti-cancer drugs approved since 2004 cost more than \$20,000 -- and few generic equivalents exist.

This increase in costs is felt by consumers and negatively impacts patients' treatments. A new study by the *Journal of Oncology Practice and the American Journal of Managed Care* found 10% of patients failed to fill new prescriptions for oral cancer drugs.

People with high cost-sharing insurance plans and those taking several drugs were more likely to quit treatment.

Patients with prescriptions that had cost sharing of over \$500 were four times more likely to abandon their medication than those with cost sharing of \$100 or less, and 16% of new patients had out-of-pocket costs of over \$500.

These findings are alarming. How can we address the increasing costs of cancer treatments and subsequent abandonment by patients?

Policies must be developed to encourage treatment adherence. Continued and preventative treatments decrease serious illness and costly treatment down the road.

A study of diabetes patients found those who took their medicine improperly were 2.5 times more likely to be hospitalized than those who followed their treatment regimes. Reducing hospital stays will decrease health care costs, as they account for 42% of all medical spending.

Policymakers must develop policies that emphasize compliance with treatment protocols. The best way to contain health care costs is prevention -- that combined with public and corporate programs focusing on reducing harmful behaviors, will keep medical costs from skyrocketing.

We must then work to develop and identify policies that reduce the impact of expensive prescription drug plans, as the correlation between cost sharing and drug abandonment is clear.

Medicare Part D, the prescription drug plan to subsidize the costs of prescription drugs for seniors, must be preserved.

As we work to restructure our health care system in light of the increasing and unsustainable costs of the system, we must ensure cancer patients get access to newer therapies.

Douglas Schoen is a political strategist and author of *Mad as Hell: How the Tea Party Movement is Fundamentally Remaking Our Two-Party System*, published by Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins.

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The Three Little Pigs

Three Little Pigs went out to dinner one night. The waiter came and took their drink order.

'I would like a Sprite,' said the first little piggy.
'I would like a Coke,' said the second little piggy.
'I want beer, lots and lots of beer,' said the third little piggy.

The drinks were brought out and the waiter took their orders for dinner.

'I want a nice big steak,' said the first piggy.
'I would like the salad plate,' said the second piggy.
'I want beer, lots and lots of beer,' said the third little piggy.

The meals were brought out and a while later the waiter approached the table and asked if the piggies would like any dessert.

'I want a banana split,' said the first piggy.
'I want a cheesecake,' said the second piggy.
'I want beer, lots and lots of beer,' exclaimed the third little piggy.

'Pardon me for asking,' said the waiter to the third little piggy,'

But why have you only ordered beer all evening?'

The third piggy says -

'Well, somebody has to go 'Wee, wee, wee, all the way home!

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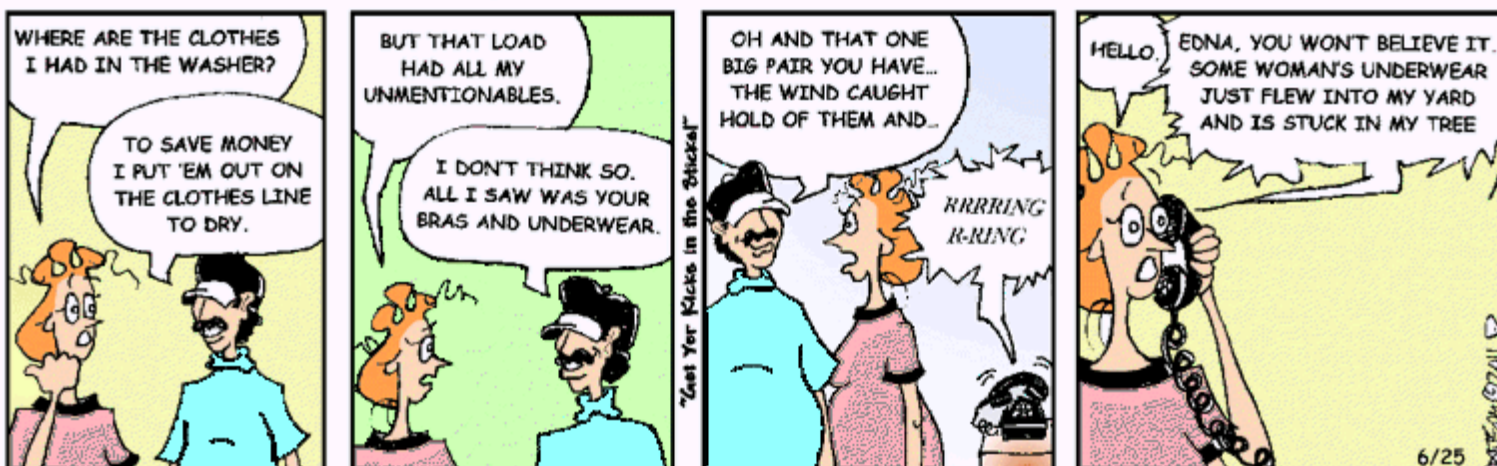
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By: David & Doreen Dotson



Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

Signal then Turn

Greeting my friends. Old Man is feeling a little better every day. He is still a long way from 100% but we can now stand to be around him most of the time. I have told you, he is not a good patient.

Well, I have been using Old Man's Facebook page to read the Status. Let me tell you, he learns a lot and I do too about the folks who leave messages. These folks are called "Peeps" by some - I guess that is short for "People" or "My People." Recently Old Man was following a series of messages from one of his young (don't be fooled most of them are young compared to Old Man) friends. This young man was complaining because he had been stopped by the police for failure to give a proper turn signal before turning. He was irate because they dared to stop him for that.

A few messages down and the young man's aunt was sort of laughing "lol" and she commented that she also had been stopped but did not receive a ticket because her turn signal was broken. My comment here is that was no excuse. She still should have signalled. Old Man will tell you that long before he learned to use an automatic turn signal, he learned to give the proper arm signals. There is no excuse to fail to give a signal.

When Old Man was just a boy, bout 50 years ago and learning to ride a bicycle the first thing he was taught was to signal before turning. What signals to use? The same ones that are taught for driving a car. Left - left arm straight out the window pointing left; and Right - left arm straight out the window but bent at the elbow with forearm point straight up. We were required to ride our bicycles in accordance with automobile laws. Guess what, the law is still the same here in Texas. If you ride a bicycle, you need to know basic automobile laws, stop, yield, stay in right lane, use turn signals, etc.

Just today I was out with Old Man and his Lady. We saw three well behaved young men (about 12 years old) riding their bicycles on the streets of Sherman. They came to an intersection, and all three gave the proper hand signal for a right turn. The signal was so smooth and correct that you could tell the knew what they were doing. They were not just following rules, they made it part of their life how to ride that bicycle.

Thought you might like to know that we have some great, well behaved young folks coming up in the next generation. I welcome them. Will see you folks later. Bye for now.



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Dale & Lana Rideout



"Santa", Amber, Dominique, Timothy, Jordan, Rachel, Caleb, Chris, Cassie, Brianna, Lana



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