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It is common sense but when times are difficult one of the first things companies do is pull back on their advertising.



I understand the panic. Our generation has never experienced this "situation" before. All of a sudden we're questioning everything we know about Status Quo.

Here is what I know. This too will pass!

Most advertising has a 90 Day incubation period and the experts have been telling us about a Rule of 7 for years.

The Rule of 7 is a determination of the average number of impressions a brand must make on their customers before making a sale. The main point of the rule is repetition and keeping advertising updated. A prospective buyer (customer) should hear or see the advertising at least seven times before they buy it from you.

Whether or not that's true, we can never know because generally most people only remember the last ad they "saw." It's more likely, it's the last ad they recognized.

When you stop advertising, you remove yourself from your customer's attention.

Unfortunately, this leaves room for your competitor to be the brand they recognize.

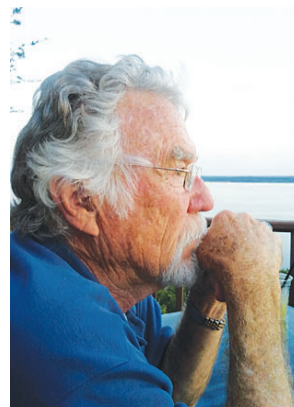
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THE IDLE AMERICAN

I'm 'Tooting' Their Horns...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury



Gregg Berry

I've always been a sucker for the sappy, plot-easily-followed kind of "flick" that ends happily. Take Mr. Holland's Opus--and others like it--where movie-goers had best take multiple hankies.

Richard Dreyfuss starred in this tear-jerker a full quarter-century ago. Opus is a great story to watch--or re-watch--while we're marooned in our homes, sometimes with "virtually" nothing to do. The "main guy" is a beloved band director.

It underscores a theory I've had over a 40-year career in higher education. There's no middle ground for band members' views of their directors. They are loved or reviled, thanked or blamed, upheld or down-trodden. Most of them seem comfortable in extreme approaches to music, and most everything else□.

In my judgment, Greg Berry, now nestled in the grandeur of Colorado mountains with Leta--his wife of 61 years--

ranks number one on my list of unorthodox band directors. Leta richly deserves to spend life's eventide in such resplendent repose, even if it is with an old guy whose eardrums have sustained the blasts of too many sour notes lofted in lousy band halls.

They both were my college classmates. Leta has been at his side during collegiate band posts at Howard Payne, Wayland and Samford Universities. (After Samford, he directed a renowned community band in Birmingham, where his daytime career switched to investments and the stock market for 17 years.)

They were beloved wherever they went, but their bubbling pot of grand memories began at Azle High School in the 1960s.. For his final AHS concert in 1968, he rented the Will Rogers Auditorium in Fort Worth. They slapped on bumper stickers and employed numerous other advertising methods to promote the event, which attracted 2,000 persons. "American Civil War Fantasy" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" were featured, as was a student's reading of the Gettysburg Address. The audience roared□.

Unscripted after curtain calls was a presentation by band president Johnny Miller. Leta was called to Greg's side.

The AHS band's gift--said to be "just between the band and the Berrys"--was an all-expenses-paid vacation to Nassau. Rest-of-the-story must be shared. Members paid for the gift NOT with cash, but with S&H Green Stamps, gathered throughout the community and dumped at the redemption center.

It didn't stop there. The junior high band collected \$150 for "spending money," and beginner band families provided free babysitting for the couple's four children. Greg had just gotten his pilot license, so they rented a rickety, fabric plane. Off they flew to Florida to board a big jet to Nassau.

Apprehension set in as the tiny craft climbed to avoid Carswell AFB airspace. A radio message--instructing Greg to change frequencies--was voiced by the band booster president, an FAA employee, who said, "GOOD MORNING, GREG! GOOD MORNING, LETA!"□.

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Some of the last iris to bloom in my yard. 2020 was a landmark year for the 'flags', bearing so many shades of color!



Quaint windowbox garden, outside a neighbor's laundry room



A good year for the Roses! Here's a Texas Yellow, almost dinner-plate size, spotted on South Davis Street.

A rusted Radio Flyer put to good use off the beaten path in a side yard. Sure to attract grandchildren!



Ed and Brenda Payne grow a fine garden in the sandy land of Rocky Ridge subdivision. Their onions are whoppers!



I'd love to see the floral art you're cultivating in your yard! Send me your photos to enolagay.mathews@gmail.com, then watch to see them 'transplanted' here to bloom on these pages! Meanwhile, let's appreciate the beauty and bounty of Mother Nature. Being 'home bound' because of health recommendations doesn't have to be all bad if you have a hobby you enjoy, like gardening or whatever!

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DALLAS

Historic Area of Dallas

Dallas is a city in the U.S. state of Texas and the largest city and seat of Dallas County, with portions extending into Collin, Denton, Kaufman and Rockwall counties. With an estimated 2018 population of 1,345,076, it is the ninth most-populous city in the U.S. and third in Texas after Houston and San Antonio. Located in North Texas, the city of Dallas is the main core of the largest metropolitan area in the Southern United States and the largest inland metropolitan area in the U.S. that lacks any navigable link to the sea. It is the most populous city in the Dallas–Fort Worth metroplex, the fourth-largest metropolitan area in the country at 7.5 million people.

Dallas and nearby Fort Worth were initially developed due to the construction of major railroad lines through the area allowing access to cotton, cattle and later oil in North and East Texas. The construction of the Interstate Highway System reinforced Dallas's prominence as a transportation hub, with four major interstate highways converging in the city and a fifth interstate loop around it. Dallas then developed as a strong industrial and financial center and a major inland port, due to the convergence of major railroad lines, interstate highways and the construction of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, one of the largest and busiest airports in the world. In addition, Dallas has DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit) with different colored train lines that transport throughout the metroplex.

Dominant sectors of its diverse economy include defense, financial services, information technology, telecommunications, and transportation.[14] Dallas is home to 9 Fortune 500 companies within the city limits. The Dallas–Fort Worth metroplex hosts additional Fortune 500 companies, including American Airlines (Fort Worth) and ExxonMobil (Irving). Over 41 colleges and universities are located within its metropolitan area, which is the most of any metropolitan area in Texas. The city has a population from a myriad of ethnic and religious backgrounds and one of the largest LGBT communities in the U.S. Preceded by thousands of years of varying cultures, the Caddo people inhabited the Dallas area before Spanish colonists claimed the territory of Texas in the 18th century as a part of the Viceroyalty of New Spain. Later, France also claimed the area but never established much settlement. In all, six flags have flown over Dallas: those of France, Spain, and Mexico, the flag of the Republic of Texas, the Confederate flag, and the flag of the United States of America.

In 1819, the Adams-Onís Treaty between the United States and Spain defined the Red River as the northern boundary of New Spain, officially placing the future location of Dallas well within Spanish territory. The area remained under Spanish rule until 1821. Three years after Texas achieved independence, John Neely Bryan surveyed the area around present-day Dallas. In 1839, accompanied by his dog and a Cherokee he called Ned, he planted a stake in the ground on a bluff located near three forks of the Trinity River and left. Two years later, in 1841, he returned to establish a permanent settlement named Dallas. The origin of the name is uncertain. The official historical marker states it was named after Vice President George M. Dallas of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. However, this is disputed. Other potential theories for the origin include his brothers. A further theory gives the origin as the village of Dallas, Moray, Scotland, similar to the way Houston, Texas was named after Sam Houston whose ancestors came from the Scottish village of Houston, Renfrewshire. The Republic of Texas was annexed by the United States in 1845 and Dallas County was established the following year. Dallas was formally incorporated as a city on February 2, 1856. With the construction of railroads, Dallas became a business and trading center and was booming by the end of the 19th century. It became an industrial city, attracting workers from Texas, the South, and the Midwest.

The Praetorian Building in Dallas of 15 stories, built in 1909, was the first skyscraper west of the Mississippi and the tallest building in Texas for some time. It marked the prominence of Dallas as a city. A racetrack for thoroughbreds was built and their owners established the Dallas Jockey Club. Trotters raced at a track in Fort Worth, where a similar drivers club was based. The rapid expansion of population increased competition for jobs and housing.

In 1921, the Mexican president Álvaro Obregón along with the former revolutionary general visited Downtown Dallas's Mexican Park in Little Mexico; the small park was on the corner of Akard and Caruth Street, site of the current Fairmont Hotel. The small neighborhood of Little Mexico was home to a Latin American population that had been drawn to Dallas by factors including the American Dream, better living conditions, and the Mexican Revolution.

On November 22, 1963, United States President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on Elm Street while his motorcade passed through Dealey Plaza in Downtown Dallas. The upper two floors of the building from which assassin Lee Harvey Oswald shot Kennedy, the Texas School Book Depository, have been converted into a historical museum covering the former president's life and accomplishments. Kennedy died at Parkland Memorial Hospital, 30 minutes after the shooting.

On July 7, 2016, multiple shots were fired at a peaceful protest in Downtown Dallas, held against the police killings of two black men from other states. The gunman, later identified as Micah Xavier Johnson, began firing at police officers at 8:58 p.m., killing five officers and injuring nine. Two bystanders were also injured. This marked the deadliest day for U.S. law enforcement since the September 11 attacks. Johnson told police during a standoff that he was upset about recent police shootings of black men and wanted to kill whites, especially white officers. After hours of negotiation failed, police resorted to a robot-delivered bomb, killing Johnson inside El Centro College. The shooting occurred in an area of hotels, restaurants, businesses, and residential apartments only a few blocks away from Dealey Plaza. WalletHub named Dallas the fifth most-diverse city in the U.S. in 2018.

The city of Dallas is home to many areas, neighborhoods, and communities. Dallas can be divided into several geographical areas which include larger geographical sections of territory including many subdivisions or neighborhoods, forming macroneighborhoods. Central Dallas: Elm Street at night, January 1942 - is anchored by Downtown, the center of the city, along with Oak Lawn and Uptown, areas characterized by dense retail, restaurants, and nightlife. East Dallas, also referred to by the East Dallas Chamber of Commerce as the Lake & Garden District,[2] is an expansive area of numerous communities and neighborhoods in Dallas, Texas (United States) that border nearby suburban cities to the east. Such as Garland, Mesquite, and Balch Springs, Texas. White Rock Lake, located in the center of East Dallas, is considered "the crown jewel of the Dallas parks system". South Dallas is an area in Dallas, Texas. It is south of Downtown Dallas, bordered by Trinity River on the west, Interstate 30 on the north, and the Great Trinity Forest to the south and east. In recent years the City of Dallas and organizations including Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together Dallas have begun revitalizing the area in an effort to make the area more attractive to homeowners and foster economic development. This includes high schools- Skyline, Samuel, Spruce, Carter, Kimball, Sunset and South Oak Cliff. The Mayor has the campaign Grow South include Pedimont, Parkdale and Urbandale as well as Joppa.

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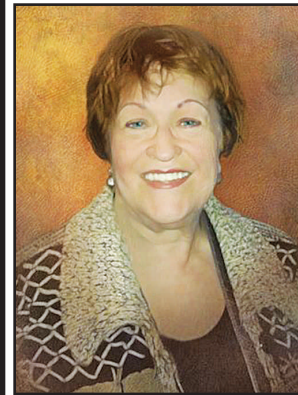
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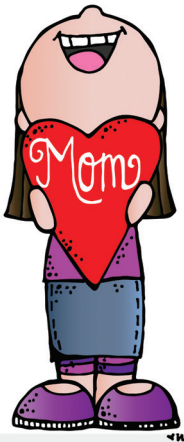


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Lavenia Mobley

Private funeral service for Lavenia Mobley, age 88, of Sulphur Springs, TX was held on Friday, May 1, 2020 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Darel Roach officiating. Interment will take place at Ridgeway Cemetery with Tommy Mobley, Eric Jackson, Bryan Holt, Billy Logsdon, Mason Virgel, Richard Holt and Russell Melton serving as pallbearers and Dean Mobley, Glenn Mobley, Billy Scott, and Doug Doss as honorary pallbearers. Visitation will be from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Thursday April 30, 2020. Mrs. Mobley passed away on April 28, 2020 at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, TX.

Lavenia was born on April 23, 1932 in Lakeview, TX to F.P. and Lucille Stewart. She married Wayne Mobley in Cumby, TX on October 23, 1948. She worked as a housekeeper at the Hopkins County Memorial Hospital and was a member at the Peerless Baptist Church. She is survived by daughter, Linda Jackson; son, Billy Mobley and wife, Linda; grandchildren, Kae Mobley,

Tommy Mobley and wife, Casi; and Eric Jackson and wife, Cady; great grandchildren, Averii Mobley, Jamison Mobley, and Tucker Jackson; sisters in law, Gloria Don Holt, Vickie Sims, and Joyce Bledsoe. Lavenia was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and sisters, Barbara Large and Sue Mason.

Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at www.murrayorwosky.com

Kellena Hambrick



Private graveside service for Kellena Hambrick age 90, of Sulphur Springs was held at Shooks Chapel in Sulphur Springs, TX on Friday May 01, 2020. There was no formal visitation. Mrs. Hambrick passed away at her residence in Sulphur Springs, TX.

Kellena was born on February 26, 1930 in Bethel Springs, TN to Dennis Wells and Clarissa Anne Reynolds. She married GB Hambrick in Biggers, AR on March 1, 1947. She was the proud owner of the Hambrick Sales and was a lovely mother and wife to his children and husband GB. Kellena was also, a member of the New Beginnings Fellowship Baptist Church.

She is survived by daughter, Jan Allison; grandchildren, Stephen and wife, Dana, Blake Ladd, Bryan Ladd and wife, Katharine, Shane Allison and wife, Carrie, Ashley Holt and husband, Matt, Luke Allison, and Sarah Beth Frazier; great-grandchildren, Christian Ladd and wife, Shelby, Jonathan Ladd and wife, Jamie, Haylee Pardue and husband, Ryan, Caitlyn Rowland, Ty Holt, Courtney Frazier, Taylor Frazier, Allison Frazier, Jaxon Ladd, Lia, Ladd, Karyle Ladd, Katelyn Ladd, Myra Joye Reynolds Harp, and Booth Lambert Reynolds; son in law, Bill Ladd. Kellena was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Kay Ladd; sister; brother; and son in law, Randy Allison

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Don McDonald

Private graveside service for Don McDonald, age 83, of Sulphur Springs, was held Monday, May 4, 2020 at Brigham Cemetery in Campbell with Bro. Al Davis officiating. Mr. McDonald passed away Thursday, April 30, 2020 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.

Don McDonald was born July 29, 1936 in Cooper, Texas to Ernest McDonald and Mattie (Helm) McDonald. He married Martha Luman in Dallas, Texas on September 22, 1972. Mr. McDonald is survived by his wife, Martha McDonald; sons, Gary Don McDonald and wife, Caryn, of Michigan, Jeff Herndon of Sulphur Springs; daughters, Sheila Offer and husband, Paul, of Dallas, Karen Russell and husband, Robert, of Winnsboro; grandchildren, Abby McDonald, Priscilla Pardun, Lacie Pardun, Ed Pardun, Jr., Jennifer Meador, Bucky Walters, Matt Walters and wife, Fallon; great-grandchildren, Trinity, Chloe, Payton, Jacob, Clay, Riley, Hunter, Dillon, Preslea, Lyla, and Addi.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Herschel McDonald; and sisters, Helen Akard and Francis McDonald.

Cameron Blayne Davis



Private family graveside services for Cameron Blayne Davis, age 21, of Sulphur Springs, was held on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Reilly Springs Cemetery with Rev. Randall Crawley officiating. A come and go visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday, May 1, 2020 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Maddox Miller, Jason Arrington, Taylor Arrington, Cason Arrington, Carter Arrington, Toby Hume, Blake Hume, and Zach Terry. Honorary pallbearers will be Flynt Miller, Grey Miller, Miles Coker, Blake Fisher, Tab Bell, and Damon Wilks. Cameron passed away on April 25, 2020. He is survived by his mom, Leslie Miller and husband Matt of Sulphur Springs; brothers, Maddox and Flynt Miller; sister, Grey Miller; aunts and uncles, Vicki and Toby Hume, Charlotte and Jason Arrington, Debbie Coker, Jamie and Matthew Mattison; cousins, Kaylon and Blake Hume, Taylor, Baylie, Cason, Rylie, and Carter Arrington, Madilyne and Miles Coker; grandparents, Keith and Barbara Bailey, Rodney Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Evans; and great-grandpa, James Jackson. He was preceded in death by grandparents, George and Helen Crawley, Delores Miller; aunt, Jesicia Coker; and cousin, Marty Crawley. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



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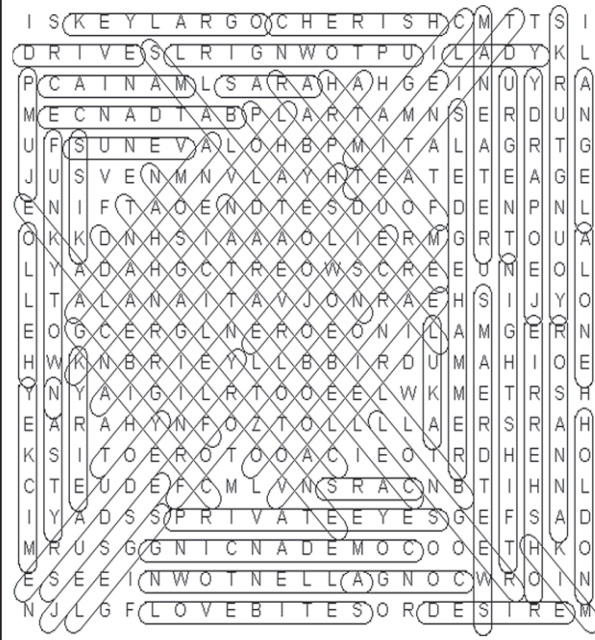


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Some residents of the Hopkins County Jail in Sulphur Springs are farm hands. Sheriff Lewis Tatum was instrumental in starting a farm to grow food for inmates. Trustys in the jail take care of the plants and animals. These are men and women who are considered ideal prisoners that get along with guards and others behind bars, keep their quarters and clothes clean and neat and have a good attitude about doing chores.

“They raise vegetables, chickens and hogs,” says Sheriff Tatum. “We’ve got a big sign out there that says TRUSTY FARM. A few years ago I got with County Commissioners and they told me they had a piece of land east of town, 4 to 5 acres or so, that belonged to the county and they told me I could use it as a farm. So we took a bunch of trustys out there and got started. We built our hog pens and chicken pens out of the scraps from the football and baseball stadiums. The trustys worked on them for the school system.”

The farm is doing well.

“Right now we’ve got 12 sows, and a boar, and I couldn’t tell you how many pigs we’ve got ready to process. We have our own processing plant. We’ve got a little over 400 laying hens. We haven’t bought any meat in over 3 years. Around Valentine’s Day we start planting potatoes and beans, okra, tomatoes, peas, mustard greens, just whatever we can plant. There’s a spot of land south of town we may be getting to use where we can grow watermelons and cantaloupes.”

Sheriff Tatum says the farm saves the county a bundle of money.

“If you average up what it would cost to feed 192 inmates a year and what we actually spend our projection is to save \$200,000 a year.”

He says the inmates benefit from the farm work in many ways.

“Number one, they eat better because the food is always fresh. Then, too, they’re learning a lot of different trades. We try to get them jobs when they get out. We’ve probably got 36 trustys working. They’re mostly serving time for theft and drugs. We don’t have any murderers or sex offenders working as trustys. And they don’t just work on the farm. They also work on county roads, the school system, civic center, just wherever they’re needed. The county even employs some of them when they finish their sentence. A lot of them, if you look at their backgrounds, never had a chance. We’re giving them a chance to prove themselves. I think if you put a little trust in them and they find out that you expect more from them, they do better. I see a lot of them in the grocery store or somewhere with their families after they’ve been released and we shake hands and visit. They’re proud to be a member of society.”

The sheriff says sometimes he’ll overhear some of the trustys talking among themselves toward the end of the day and they mention how the crops look or how many eggs they gathered that day, indicating they take pride in their accomplishments.

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