

New Technology, Old Fashioned Service

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There was a lumberjack show that was interesting for a while, but it dragged on a little too long. It is amazing how they can get on a log and roll it so the other guy is knocked off.

Probably for me the most interesting part of going to the State Fair is observing the people. The young people showing their animals exhibit a high level of maturity and a good sense of humor. One learns that a couple of Navajo Tacos and a couple of bottles of water costs \$25. You see in a benign way the challenges that some people have. My wife mentioned an elderly couple she saw. The woman had suffered a stroke and her husband was tenderly helping her get around.

We saw a gentleman in a wheelchair who must have weighed 500 lbs. Trying to imagine his challenges in just doing the simplest things we have to do in life was impossible. Circumstances are different for every one and as I was taught, we just have to do the best we can.



DOCTOR TALKER

We visited the Utah State Fair the other day. We attend the fair every two years or so. No, I do not ride the carnival rides. Usually the first buildings we visit are in the South East corner of the fairgrounds. First we look at the paintings and sculptures. The talent is unbelievable. Some of the exhibits by young people are just breathtaking.

Next we go look at the photography. I often wonder how many of the photos are enhanced digitally. There are some fantastic pictures. Who would ever think that a picture of an old fence post with barbed wire on it could be at all interesting? But it is.

We continue westward from there getting to the livestock area. The goats were cute. The pigs are always fascinating. The cows are something to see. Those animals are huge. Of course while walking through you never know what stage they are in with their digestive process. As we walked one of the cattle owners suggested we move a little further away. Asking why, she responded that a couple of them had diarrhea and they could deposit that some distance from where their rear legs were resting on the ground. We took the hint seriously. Nobody wants to walk around the fair with digested (Continued on Page 4)

Dr. Oman's Reading List

The Morality of Laughter by F. H.

Buckley ♥♥♥

Empire of the Sun by S. C. Gwynne

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Gary Player's Black Book by Gary

Player ♥♥1/2

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik

Backman ♥♥1/2

The Rent Collector by Camron

Wright ♥♥♥

A Patriot's A to Z of America by

Edward P. Moser ♥♥♥

The Secret Agent: A Simple Tale by

Joseph Conrad ♥♥

Too Many Women by Rex Stout

♥♥1/2

The Smartest Kids in the World:

And How They Got That Way by

Amanda Ripley ♥♥♥

Moon Shot: The Inside Story of

America's Apollo Moon Landings

Jay Barbree, Alan Shepard and Deek

Slayton ♥♥♥♥

The Radium Girls by Kate Moore

♥♥♥♥

The Miracle of Dunkirk by Walter

Lord ♥♥♥

The Strange Death of Europe by

Douglas Murray ♥♥♥1/2

The Horse Soldiers by Doug

Stanton ♥♥♥♥

An Inconvenient Deception by Roy

Spencer ♥♥♥

We attended a Utah Symphony concert recently. It brought to mind a concert we attended about 16 years ago there. It was 3 days after 9-11. Being the first concert of the season the Symphony plays the National Anthem. Everyone stood that night and it was sung with feeling and some tears. Last night's performance featured a violinist we have seen perform before. He was born in Italy. As a young man he was in a fire on their farm. He was burned severely; so severely he could not play his violin for a year as he healed. He now plays a Stradivarius. He is amazing. He is now a citizen of this country. Last night also was the opening performance of this new season. Again the National Anthem was played. Everyone stood. I noticed something different however. As I glanced around the hall there was a different feeling. Many did not have their hands over their heart as I was taught as a child. Some were singing, but many were not. Personally, I found the change to be startling. Everyone has noticed that civility and the blessing of being an American has changed. It looked like it at Symphony Hall.

It could be just one tooth, right? It is that one tooth that hurts, or just doesn't look good, or is crooked. Sometimes it is just that one tooth. You are not alone. A lot of people have a tooth that just isn't what that would like. Sometimes that is the most difficult tooth to fix. If it is darker it is really tough to bleach it. Putting a crown or a veneer on it does improve things, but it is really tough to match that one tooth to the rest of your natural teeth. Of course that is all much better than having the one tooth some people have; you know, that one tooth in the front of your mouth that has been pulled and there is a distinct dark area there in the middle of the smile. When I see situations like that I think to myself, "If it weren't for that one tooth...".

That begs the question, "Can we live without teeth?" Ponder that one a bit. "If I had absolutely no teeth, what would that be like?" Smiles would surely be a lot different. Everything we ate would be soft, unless we just sucked on things. Of course we would not need dentists, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss and the rest of the things we use to maintain our oral health. Maybe we would work hard to maintain fantastic lips, who knows.

Trying to foresee what the future holds for the human race and their teeth is not easy. I have read papers discussing the possibility in the future to actually grow a tooth from stem cells and implant it into the jaw. Years ago I read articles saying that within 10 years there would be no more tooth decay. There have been testimonials given that the dental drill would go away and we would squirt something into the cavity and that would take care of it. None of these things are true at that moment.

Some years ago we were advised through research that there would be no decay in the teeth of people born after the year 2000. That wasn't true either, although decay rates are incredibly less than they were in the 1950-1980 years. They are going down due to preventive care. We hope you like your teeth, your smile and your ability to chew and we want you to continue to enjoy that.