

LGH physician: A hero amongst mercenaries

In a *Sunday News* column, one of Lancaster's most dedicated and self sacrificing physicians, Jeffrey T. Kirchner, pleads with the public to routinely be tested for HIV infection. He points out:

"In the U.S., it's estimated about 21 percent of all people infected with HIV are unaware of their infection. One of the most important issues facing the medical and scientific community is stopping the spread of HIV... Without awareness of one's HIV status, precautions are often not taken, and thus the epidemic continues to grow among the young and old. Sadly, when I see a new patient in our practice, I know I will see another two, or possibly more, patients related to this case."

Kirchner is employed by Lancaster General Hospital. He loyally states: *"HIV prevention and counseling of patients and their spouses or partners are priorities at Comprehensive Care Medicine at Lancaster General Health."*

What he knows and doesn't say is that the most effective way to reach HIV victims is 'to meet them where they are', through a modern syringe exchange.

Three wags of the tail for Kirchner, a true hero but one of the lowest paid specialist in the county. Shame on the leaders of LGH, a Public Charity, who turned their backs on the Urban League when it requested funds to provide a syringe exchange for Lancaster.

E4 presents worthy Strategic Plan for Library System

libraries as their users are asking for it."

At the board of Directors Meeting of the Library System of Lancaster County on Wednesday, Lois Dostlik President of E4 Exchange, Inc. presented highlights from their draft of **"Library System of Lancaster County Strategic Plan: 2011 – 2014."**

"Many individuals are mistakenly overlaying their childhood perceptions of libraries on current libraries."

"Community leaders, pubic officials and residents do not understand the county's system of libraries, find the funding extremely confusing, and don't realize the services the libraries provide."

"There are significant differences between how the county's various municipalities view and fund libraries."

"Technology is a priority for all the member

Dolstalik made two very significant comments in the way of 'full disclosure' at the outset:

1) This was not a zero based approach, which Dostalik implied she would have preferred. The Commissioners "charged" E4 to assume the presence of a Library System (as opposed to individual libraries) at the outset. No consideration was given to adopting a different arrangement for the libraries working together.

2) E4 Exchange, Inc. had no prior experience in the field of libraries.

Why didn't the Commissioners permit a true zero base approach and engage a national firm who could have introduced ideas and approaches that have succeeded elsewhere?

LETTER: Equal parenting should be the norm

“Through our courts, some father’s are ripped from their children’s lives and destroyed through ruthlessness and retaliation... “Hath no fury like a woman scorned” ... is a common mistake made not only by the ex-paramour, but rubber stamped by false Protection From Abuses’s and ultimately our justice system concurs.

“Equal parenting should be the norm. A few judges are waking up in Lancaster County and for that I am thankful. I hope their sense of justice spreads throughout all the counties...

“Be an adult, suck up the hurt and disappointment and do what is right for your children. Forgiveness is key.”

SUNDAY NEWS: From editorial **“What a sad state (of affairs)”**: [It] *“ goes to show how senseless it was for Gov. Corbett to make a no-new-taxes pledge during the campaign last year. Now he’s hemmed in, even though polls consistently show Pennsylvanians of both parties support a tax on the lucrative Marcellus Shale industry...Gov. Corbett, it’s time to level with Pennsylvanians. Tell them you made a mistake in promising never to raise taxes. Admit there’s really no painless alternative to a gas extraction tax.”*

WATCHDOG: They got that right! Two wags of the tail.

New Hispanic majority transforms culture of Reading, Pa.

these new Latino populations’ trajectories going to be over the next decade?”...

USA TODAY: ...Reading, now 58% Hispanic, is the latest harbinger for a more diverse America in regions where Hispanic migration has been a relatively recent development.

In this area, Hispanic community members and ethnic organizations have brought dramatic culture change. Downtown centers brim with signs in Spanish pointing to corner *bodegas* (grocery stores), travel agencies and money-wire services. Local police officers enjoy \$1 tacos on Tuesdays at Taquería Los Amigos in Allentown, and a Dominican establishment, Mi Casa Su Casa, in Reading offers *empanadas* (turnovers) with lattes. Passing cars reverberate with the modern salsa beats of *cumbia* music or hip-hop-influenced reggaeton blasting from a 24-hour, FM Spanish-language radio station...

“If you look at the Census data from 2000 and now 2010, you can see that there’s this phenomenon of Latinos moving to parts of the United States where there hasn’t been Latinos before,” says Stanton Wortham, a University of Pennsylvania researcher who specializes in linguistics and immigrant studies. “The biggest research question from a national point of view is the question of, what are

LETTER: Why was there no Convention Center referendum?

“Lancaster City and County taxpayers have been ‘snookered’.

“Why this was never put to a referendum vote (of course it would have lost) is what troubles me as much as anything. “

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