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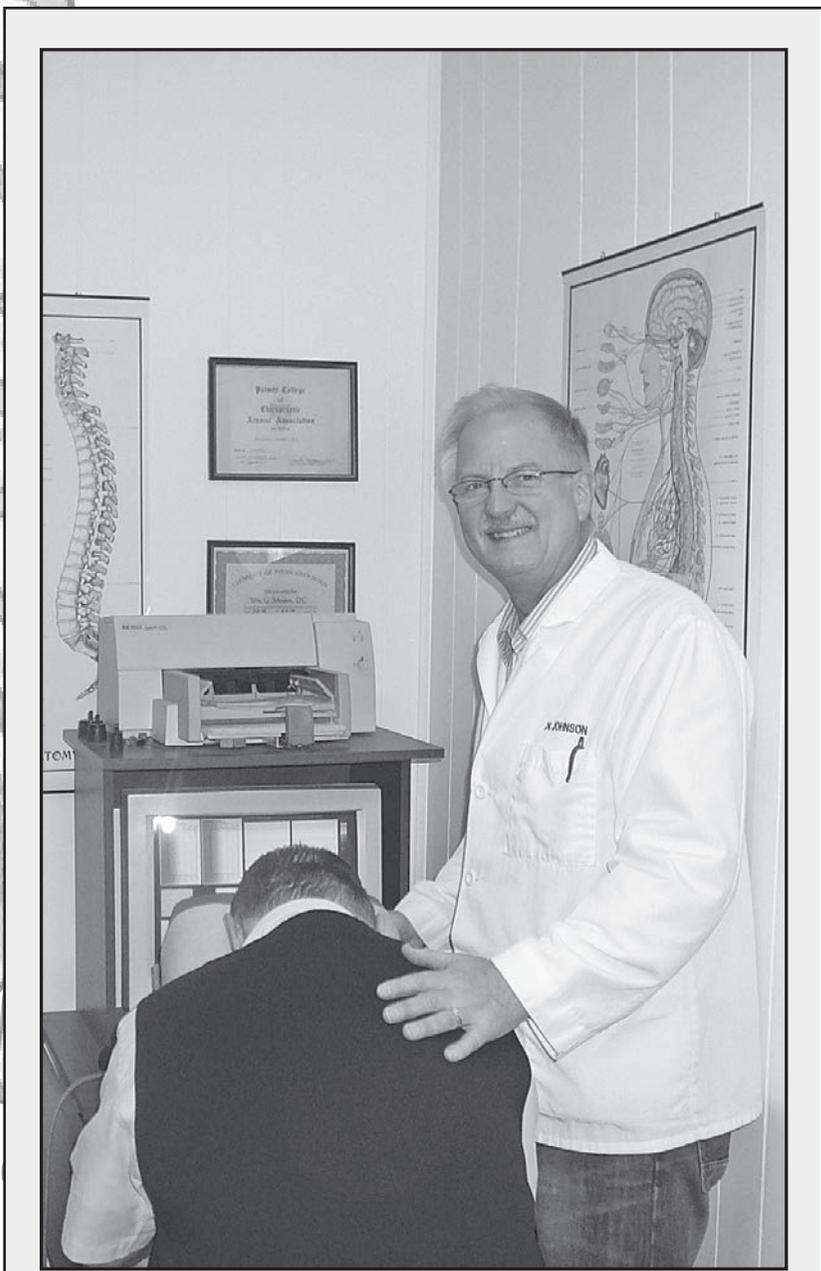
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Weekly connection

A new puppy on the farm

I have always loved dogs. Growing up we had some great canine companions. One was named Lassie and she lived around the time when the television show by the same name was going strong. Our Lassie was as loyal as any dog could ever be. She was always with us boys as we explored the woods, walked out to the pasture to bring up the cows for milking, or worked in the fields. She used to trot along behind the tractor and plow in the dead furrow back and forth round after round all day long while we worked in the field tilling up the soil the old-fashioned way. Sadly, Lassie came to an untimely end one warm summer day. I remember it quite clearly even though I was only 8 years old. She was with us as she always was in the field as we were baling hay that day. We each had a job to do when it was hay making time. Someone was mowing the alfalfa with a sickle mower using our old Ford Jubilee. Somebody else was running the freshly cut alfalfa through the crimper/conditioner with the Super M to get the juice out. Another person was raking the dry hay with the M. We had the 706 IH on the baler with someone driving and someone stacking the wagon. Then, of course, others were hauling wagons up to the barn and



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

unloading them onto the elevator and a couple people were up in the hay mow stacking. It was quite an operation when all of this was working like a finely tuned machine. It took all six of us boys, my Dad, Grandpa, and usually a few cousins to make it go.

Lassie loved to hunt and kill small animals like wood chucks, squirrels, raccoons, rabbits and opossums. Many times, she would hunt at night and leave the bodies outside the front door for us to stumble on in the early morning hours. This day she was out there with us making hay, as she usually always was, when she caught sight of a rabbit and decided to take a short cut under the baler to catch her prey. The plunger arm came around and caught her and she was killed. It was a sad day as all of us had to continue to work with tears running down our cheeks that afternoon. We had an emotional funeral for her that night after chores.

Dogs have always been a

part of my life. We have had a couple really wonderful Labrador retrievers in recent years. Our 5-year-old Duke likes to hop in the truck with me every day when I go to get dairy cow feed. He stands on the floor looking out the windshield like he's big stuff. Recently, we added a new puppy to keep Duke company. Her mother is a purebred Akbash Turkish herding dog. I'm hoping she'll help bring the cows up from the pasture someday. Duke has taken to her very nicely. We call her Duchess, Dutchie for short, so now we have a Duke and a Duchess. I'm sure she is going to be a fine farm dog.

I've heard it said that one can tell a lot about a person by how he treats a dog. The Bible agrees. Proverbs 12:10 *Whoever is righteous has regard for the life of his beast.* I don't claim to be righteous except through the righteousness of my Savior, who was perfect. II Corinthians 5:21 says that *He who knew no sin became sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God.* That means when we place our faith and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, His perfection covers us, and we are free to live in relationship with God. That's some great stuff and available for any and everyone who wants true joy and peace in their life.

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Who's responsible for your company's culture? Look in the mirror, leader

By Cynthia Howard
AUTHOR: THE RESILIENT LEADER,
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Extensive research has shown that a positive work culture often results in productive employees who both value their work and feel valued

themselves.

But company leadership, not the employees, usually creates that culture. Executives and managers have a significant responsibility to establish a positive culture that is conducive to company success.

"Culture can be thought of as the inner life of the organization," says Cynthia Howard (www.eileadership.org), an executive coach, performance expert, and author of the book *The Resilient Leader, Mindset Makeover: Uncover the Elephant in the Room*.

"It is the self-sustaining mix of values, attitudes, and behavior that drives performance. Culture is the brand identity of the company, and it has the ability to attract and retain great talent or not. Thus, it's incumbent on the leaders to be aware of their culture, what they can do to improve it, and honestly assess if it's the kind of place where people want to be and want to grow."

Another key reason that company leaders need to make work culture a high priority Howard says, is because millennials — who comprise the largest segment of the workforce — rank culture as their top consideration when choosing where to work.

Howard offers five ways leaders can foster a positive work culture:

Model positive, respectful behavior. Howard says a positive work culture starts with the leader setting the tone, which can send the right message to leaders at other levels in the company. "Don't play the blame game," Howard says. "Encourage an environment where it's OK to

make mistakes and move forward. Frontline staff crave leaders who understand them and care about them, will mentor them, and will provide professional guidance to make fair and tough decisions."

Show gratitude. "Show your gratitude and appreciation for accomplishments by acknowledging people during a meeting or with a note," Howard says. "Celebrating wins lifts morale, and when people know they will be recognized for exceptional work, they'll be more motivated."

Communicate consistently and with clarity. "Keep employees in the loop with consistent updates," Howard says. "Give them regular feedback, not just at review time. This keeps people connected, feeling part of the team, and removes the mystery — and inherent tension — of where they stand. Create clear goals, and make everyone feel that they are necessary components toward reaching those goals. That inspires an environment of inclusion, pride and commitment."

Really listen. "This is the important other side of communication that some leaders fail to master," Howard says. "For the leaders underneath you and the employees throughout a company to truly feel valued, they have to know they have

a voice and that it will be heard. Be open and encouraging to others' ideas and solutions."

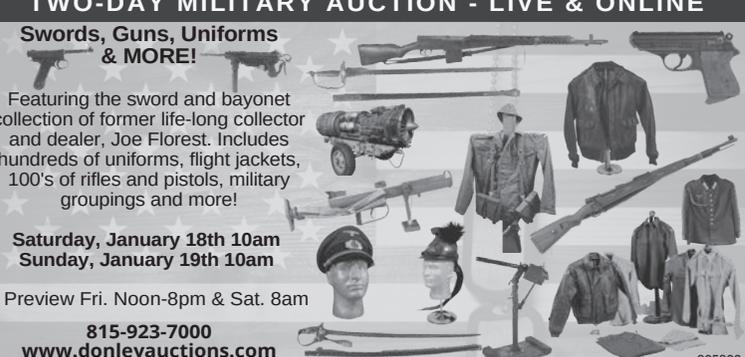
Promote collaboration. One of a company leader's primary jobs is getting the most out of their team — mainly by defining the importance of team. "Maximizing the strengths of a team means knowing each person's uniqueness and talents and using them in the best possible way," Howard says. "It also means creating a culture where everyone respects each other's talents and is enthusiastic about working together for the greater good."

"Poor culture leads to lots of turnover," Howard says. "When you as a leader instill and insist on a positive culture, you reap the benefits. Happy, engaged employees mean a thriving company."

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Searching for a soul mate

My husband and I met in driver's training class when we were 15. We've been best friends ever since. How corny is that?

Friendship doesn't always lead to romance, however, and for us that leap didn't come until years after we'd declared our best-friendship.

During the time after we met, but before we started dating, we helped each other out in the romance department. I set him up with my friends. He provided comfort when an unbelievably stupid boyfriend broke up with me. I often criticized his choice in women; he hardly ever liked the guys I went out with.

Each year, on our birthdays, we'd go out on a "date." And on New Year's Eve, if neither of us was in a relationship, it was agreed that we'd celebrate the night together. You know, sort of like best friends would do.

All the while I was in search of Mr. Right — my soul mate. The mere thought of him made me sigh with anticipation. I knew he was out there — somewhere — the guy who was born just for me, and I



By **JILL PERTLER**
Contributor

him. Trouble was, this soul mate of mine wasn't making himself easy find. He had no distinguishing characteristics that I knew of. I couldn't tell him from a hole in the wall — or a best friend.

A funny thing happened on my search for a soul mate. One summer, my husband and I — best friends that we were — began to see each other in a new light. The air around us changed and was charged with an energy we couldn't ignore.

By this time, we'd been friends for so long that we already knew almost everything about one another. A romance like that is brief. We were engaged after just weeks and married within the year.

I'd been searching for my soul mate and he'd been right there beside me the whole time! Or so I thought.

It wasn't long after our honeymoon, when I looked at him lovingly and posed the hypothetical question: "Do you think we're soul mates?"

His answer was not what I expected. "What's a soul mate?" he asked with the innocence of a newlywed.

I was stunned. How could he be my soul mate if he didn't even know what it was?

Thing is though, I was in love with the guy. Soul mate or not, I was committed to him for better or worse. So for us, life went on — together. I tried to quit worrying about silly ideals like soul mates.

Through the years we've learned that in many ways we are more different than alike. I am a bargain hunter; my husband is an impulse

shopper. I read poetry; he scans the front page. He holds onto the toothpaste tube while he brushes; I don't. I like the heat on; he prefers it off. He hunts; I knit. He prefers spicy hot barbecue; I'm a cool ranch fan. I believe in soul mates; he doesn't know what they are.

But as different as we seem to be, we've managed to keep each other interested (and at times entertained) for over 30 years. Despite the fact that I tend to hog the covers and he (occasionally) snores, we've found a weird-sort of rhythm that works for us. There is a happy cadence to our days.

Each night, I get the coffee maker ready for the next day. And each morning, he brings my first cup to me, poured just how I like it with the right amount of cream. One evening, I was tired, and said, "It's late. I don't think I'll make the coffee tonight."

His answer wasn't what I expected. He said, "But then I won't be able to bring you your cup in the morning. And that's what I do." His words had a certain tenderness that can only be earned after years (decades) together.

Needless to say I prepped the coffee that night.

I haven't forgotten about finding my soul mate, except my definition has changed. I no longer think a soul mate is someone born for me. I realize that would be way too easy. A soul mate is someone you grow with and into over time until the day comes that something as simple as cup of coffee illustrates feelings so deep that they bring tears to your eyes.

That is what my soul mate — and best friend — does for me.

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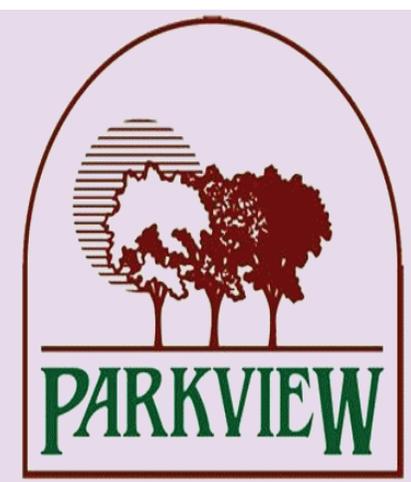
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13. British unemployment checks
14. Schiller's famous poem, e.g.
15. "Will comply" in radio communication
16. Opposite of liability
17. Napoleon Bonaparte or Louis Vuitton, e.g.
18. Embedded design
19. *Teen with telescopic powers
21. *Adventurous professor with fear of snakes
23. *He played it in "Casablanca"
24. Sign of escape
25. Steampunk decoration
28. Thanksgiving tubers
30. Fear of flying, e.g.
35. Bun baker
37. "CliffsNotes," e.g.
39. Bound by oath
40. Nay, to a baby
41. Bread spreads
43. *She takes on PG&E
44. Sacrificial spot
46. Wedding promise?
47. Not yet final
48. Eats between meals
50. Blood-related problem
52. Ship pronoun
53. Diamond's corner
55. Be obliged
57. Name before X
61. *Orphan who wanted more gruel
64. Love between AbElard and HÈloÛse
65. Pitching stat
67. Nostrils, anatomically speaking
69. Pine
70. Fleur-de-_____
71. Novelist Wharton
72. *Adopted orphan of Green Gables
73. Auction set
74. Like a disreputable neighborhood

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1. Palindromic title
2. CISC alternative
3. *Female Superman foe alongside General Zod
4. Afrikaners' ancestors
5. Off course
6. First-rate
7. Nuptial agreement
8. Version of a song
9. Mr. Bean's ride
10. Paella pot
11. Diagnostic test
12. Bean that rhymes with Goya
15. Distance from side to side, pl.
20. Insect in adult stage
22. Tiny bite
24. Most vital part
25. *A barbarian
26. Convex molding
27. Ladies and _____, for short
29. *a.k.a. The Mayor of Castro Street
31. *Hutch actor in 2004's "Starsky & Hutch"
32. *Famous Frankenstein portrayer
33. Like Michael Collins
34. *One of Miss Hannigan's orphans
36. *Russell Crowe's Biblical role
38. _____ of the trade
42. Bar seat
45. Type of realistic baby doll
49. *Pizzeria owner in "Do the Right Thing"
51. Strings
54. Olfactory sensation
56. Avoid
57. Poet Angelou
58. Flock's affirmation
59. Bank's provision
60. Dry or salt
61. Brewer's kiln
62. Great Lake
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66. Spanish river
68. Like a wallflower

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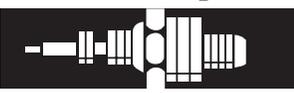
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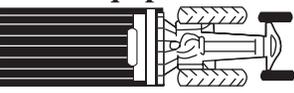

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