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HEALTH

UA professor's anti-smoking cartoons on show

A Wayne Stayskal cartoon from the Tampa Tribune is included in a display at the Alabama Museum of Natural History about anti-smoking activism.



SPECIAL

By DAVE PARKS
News staff writer

Newspapers have huffed and puffed out editorial cartoons for decades about the impact of tobacco on health and personal freedom. During much of that time, an activist doctor at the University of Alabama has been collecting and cataloging the humorous work.

Now, the best of that unique collection is on display at the Alabama Museum of Natural History, at the corner of Sixth Avenue

and Capstone Drive on the Alabama campus in Tuscaloosa. The exhibition, "Cartoonists Take Up Smoking," is open through Oct. 31 and features 60 original editorial cartoons, along with other tobacco wars memorabilia.

The collection is a product of Dr. Alan Blum, a professor of family medicine and director of the Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society. Blum, a longtime anti-smoking activist, said he began collecting the cartoons decades ago. In the early 1990s, he realized the historic importance

of the cartoons when the anti-smoking movement picked up momentum with lawsuits against big tobacco companies.

"I probably had a few hundred (cartoons) by the time I realized what I had," Blum said. "I decided to get to know the editorial cartoonists personally and to try to acquire their original artwork ... and see this issue through their humorous perspective."

So Blum called editorial cartoonists, and

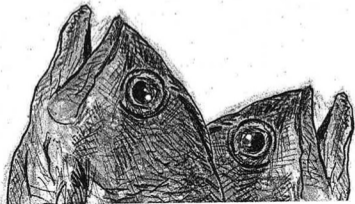
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Health groups urge men to get regular checkups

By SIONA LaFRANCE
Newhouse News Service

Mike Ditka, the former New Orleans Saints and Chicago Bears coach, remembers ignoring all the warning signs 16 years ago.

Good
fish,
bad



HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Restaurant ratings

The Jefferson and Shelby County departments of health regularly inspect all establishments where food is prepared or sold for human consumption. These scored inspections were made without prior notification of the food service owner, operator or employees. Points are deducted on a scale of 1 to 5, with the higher numbers indicating more serious problems. The health departments consider 4 and 5-point violations as critical items requiring immediate action. The lists are divided into those that scored 84 or below out of a possible 100 and those that scored 97 or above out of a possible 100.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

84 and below

20/59 Travel Center, 3579 Joybird Road, Brighton (72). Original container not properly labeled (1 point); potentially hazardous food did not meet temperature requirements during storage (5 points); food not properly protected during storage (2 points); food handlers did not receive proper food safety training (5 points); dishwashing facilities not maintained (2 points); wiping cloths not properly stored (1 point); food contact surfaces of equipment and utensils not clean (2 points); non-food contact surfaces of equipment and utensils not clean (1 point); sanitary towels/hand-drying devices not properly provided (2 points); floors not clean (1 point); lighting fixtures not properly shielded (1 point); toxic items not properly stored (5 points).

78 Super Buffet II, 1074 Forestdale Blvd. (81). Potentially hazardous food did not meet temperature requirements (5 points); food not properly protected during storage (2 points); in use, food (ice) dispensing utensils not properly stored (1 point); food handlers did not receive proper food safety training (5 points); storage and handling of clean equipment/utensils not proper (1 point); trash bin not properly clean (1 point); outer openings not properly protected (4 points).

Backyard Burgers, 3134 Cahaba Heights Road, Reinspection Score (83). Food not properly protected during storage (2 points); handling of food (ice) not minimized (2 points); personnel did not have good hygienic practices (5 points); utensils not properly sanitized (4 points); wiping cloths not properly stored (1 point); non-food contact surfaces of equipment and utensils not clean (1 point); floors not in good repair (1 point); lighting not provided as required (1 point).

Compass Group USA-Bellsouth, 3196 U.S. 80 (79). Potentially hazardous food did not meet temperature requirements during display (5 points); food contact surfaces not maintained (2 points); dishwashing facilities not properly maintained (2 points); non-food contact surfaces of equipment and utensils not clean (1 point); plumbing not maintained (1 point); presence of insects (4 points); floors not clean (1 point); toxic items not properly labeled (5 points).

Northside Pool Room, 2719 29th Ave. North (73). Potentially hazardous food did not meet temperature requirements during storage (5 points); facilities did not maintain proper prod-

uct temperature (4 points); food handlers did not receive proper food safety training (5 points); non-food contact surfaces not maintained (1 point); food contact surfaces of equipment and utensils not clean (2 points); presence of insects (4 points); floors not clean (1 point); toxic items not properly stored (5 points).

Papa John's, 6501 Aronov Drive, Fairfield (80). Potentially hazardous food did not meet temperature requirements during storage (5 points); food handlers did not receive proper food safety training (5 points); personnel did not have good hygienic practices (5 points); non-food contact surfaces of equipment and utensils not clean (1 point); trash bin not properly covered (2 points); floors not clean (1 point); attached equipment did not have clean surfaces (1 point).

Sonic Drive In, 6625 Aaron Aronov Drive, Fairfield, Reinspection Score (77). Food source not of source condition (5 points); potentially hazardous food did not meet temperature requirements during storage (5 points); thermometers not properly provided (1 point); personnel did not have good hygienic practices (5 points); non-food contact surfaces not maintained (1 point); food contact surfaces of equipment and utensils not clean (2 points); non-food contact surfaces of equipment and utensils not clean (1 point); plumbing not maintained (1 point); sanitary towels/hand-drying devices not properly provided (2 points).

97 and above

Amerex Cafeteria, 7595 Gadsden Highway, Trussville (97).

Anne-Katrin's, 3160 Cahaba Heights Road

(96).

The Bakery at Culina Road, Homewood (97)

Bama Hot Dogs, 161: Tamart (97).

Bongiorno Italian Res St., Mountain Brook (9)

Bruno's Deli, No. 115 1561 Montgomery Hl

Community Kitchen (First Ave. North (96).

The Cookie Company (99).

Culina Cooking Sch Highland Ave. (98).

El Rancho Mexican Bessemer (97).

Gus Hot Dogs, 5415 (98).

Nonomi, 5870 Trussv

Jack's, No. 167, 14E Trussville (97).

Lasseter Mountain D Parkway Road, Mt. O

LI'l B's Soda Fountal Gardendale (96).

Mc's Pizza & Deli, 5 Mu'ga (97).

Marlyn's Deli & Dog (99).

Milo's Harbert Plaza, (100).

MEN'S HEALTH: Program aids info exchange

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Robert Matheny, an interventional cardiologist at the Heart Clinic of Louisiana.

A man who sees himself as the family's breadwinner may fear discovering a condition that might cause him to miss work or incur debt for exams, Matheny said.

"Society and upbringing may inappropriately place value on the strong, independent male figure, and men may perceive it as weakness or 'unmanly' to ask for help," he said. "Whatever the reason, it must change."

Such is the aim of campaigns such as "Tackling Men's Health" and others.

Testosterone tune-up

One project launched this year by the Men's Health Network was the "National Testosterone Tune-Up," which focused on low testosterone.

"Doctors across the nation found this program a benefit in starting a dialogue with men about their health, which is important, because even when men do go to the doctor, they are often hesitant to discuss their health," Jensen said.

Another of its projects, called "Men at Work," brings health education directly to men in the workplace.

The organization also is advo-

men by the end of 2005. The campaign includes a traveling health program that provides free screenings and information for men. The Men's Health Network is a partner in that campaign, as is the National Medical Association, which represents more than 25,000 African-American doctors.

There are good reasons black men should be vigilant about preventive health care. High blood pressure, which disproportionately affects black men, is the most prevalent risk factor for cardiovascular disease, the top killer in the United States, Matheny said.

As for cancer, the second-leading cause of death, he said, "Prostate cancer presents early and more aggressively in the African-American population." He also cited diabetes, obesity and high cholesterol levels as major concerns for black men.

Jensen, of the Men's Health Network, stresses the important role that women play in the health of the men in their lives.

"Women are generally the major health care providers in the family," Jensen said. "This is not just a men's issue. Men's health affects wives, daughters, the whole family."

But ultimately, Ditka said, "It's got to be up to the men. Get into a routine of doing the right thing."

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CARTOONS: Art skewers Joe Camel, industry

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he was delighted by their responses. Some donated works, and Blum purchased or made charitable contributions for others. He collected more than 300 original cartoons from more than 80 artists.

He said many cartoonists told him dramatic stories about their work. "There's a story behind every cartoon."

For instance, he wrote David Fitzsimmons of the Arizona Star about acquiring a cartoon in which the tobacco industry was referred to as a "dirtbag."

The response was quick, he said.

"By return mail, I got the cartoon and a note from him saying: 'I know firsthand of the terrible addiction of smoking because both of my parents died within one month of each other because of their inability to kick the habit.'"

Blum said most of the cartoons take aim at the tobacco industry, with many of them focusing on icons like Joe Camel, but the art also raises issues about personal freedom.

"There's also people who are looking at freedoms and saying, 'What's next? If you're not going to be able to smoke, then you're not going to be able to chew gum.'"

The editorial cartoon exhibi-

tion debuted in April in Lexington, Ky., in conjunction with the annual convention of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists.

Attendance was boosted by headlines in the newspaper there, he said.

"They assumed there was some kind of plot ... because the very day we opened, there were banner headlines in the Lexington paper trumpeting the state supreme court upholding the Lexington clean air ordinance," Blum said. "It was an incredible coincidence."

"The Cutting Edge: Inside the World of Political Cartooning," a symposium on the subject of editorial cartooning and smoking, is set for 5-7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 205 at the Alabama Museum of Natural History. Panelists include editorial cartoonists and authorities on mass communications.

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