

A 'Horseshoe' Bank

The Associated Press reported that a Dallas, Texas, man had a disagreement with a bank. His home sat adjacent to a tract of land on which the bank planned to build a new facility. The bank wanted to buy his home and knock it down.

The man said no deal. His property was appraised at \$86,350, and he claimed the bank had offered him only \$68,000. The bank claimed it had offered more than that.

Ninety years old, the man had lived in his house for some 50 years. He didn't have to sell his home, and so he decided he wouldn't. The bank wanted to build, and so it decided it would.

The result is a new bank building shaped like a horseshoe around the man's home. An automatic teller machine dispenses cash 15 feet from where he sleeps. The cars of drive-through customers idle in front of his kitchen window.

These two parties may be adjacent to one another, but can scarcely be called neighbors.

Those who walk in love -- in the definition of neighbor as given by Christ -- do more than co-exist. They cooperate.

That principle is especially important in the centers of Life Care and American Lifestyles, and in the work of Life Care at Home. We can't offer the best care to our customers if we don't love one another. And cooperate.

--Beecher Hunter