

Collin,

Tom Beasley and his wife, Jennifer were devastated when they learned Tom has only six months to live. Tom, 62, runs a local therapy business, and was diagnosed with liver cancer. I envision this as a point-of-view story that would follow Tom and Jennifer from the time he was diagnosed to the moment of his death. The project would show readers how this couple and their family deal with Tom's impending death. We could also do some sidebars on where research headed for cures and better treatments for cancer.

I would need to spend at least 10 hours a week on this project and would do so until Tom dies. Even though Tom has already consented to allow us to witness the moment of his death, I will use much of this time to develop trust with his wife and family, so they still give us access to complete the project. Hospice nurses are good at predicting when a patient is close to death, so once they tell us, I would need to be on call 24-7 to be there for the final moment. We could leverage this as a photo essay with a narrative point-of-view story and a slideshow for the web.

Alan