

Opinion-

When disaster hits charity scams are around

It seems with every disaster comes the reports of Legitimate charities will not pressure you into makpeople asking for donations to various alleged charitable causes. It comes at a time when people are grieving over those lost in the disaster and an underlying guilty feeling that they are glad it wasn't one of their

A donation to the cause makes them feel better but be careful who you give to! There are charity scams out there and people are calling or writing asking for

Asking for donations for a cause which is not legitimate is illegal but there are many people who fall prey to these types of charity scams.

There are several rules to follow including:

- When solicited by an unfamiliar individual or organization, always request that they mail information to your home.
- Do not allow yourself to be pressured into giving

ing an immediate decision to contribute.

- · Never make an immediate contribution to charities soliciting door-to-door. Ask them to leave information with you and verify their legitimacy before contributing.
- If you decide to give, never pay in cash. If you pay by check, never make it out to an individual or company name that is different from the charity itself.
- Never give your credit card, bank account number, or Social Security number to anyone who calls you on the telephone.

Consumers should always check out charitable organizations before making any contribution either by going online at www.kscharitycheck.org, by calling the Kansas Secretary of State's office at (785) 296-4564, or the Better Business Bureau.

–Karen Krien

Landowner disagrees with article

This letter is in response to the article entitled *Organization tells* other side of story which appeared in last week's edition of the Herald relating to HB 2027 being considered by our state legislators at this time. As concerned landowners, we feel HB 2027 restricts landowners' rights pertaining to control of prairie dog populations on their land. Please understand, we are against total eradication of the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog, or any other species. Nevertheless, this proposed bill adds yet more bureaucratic red tape by requiring Kansas Wildlife and Parks along with local county commission to approve the individual "management" plans. Senator Stan Clark has opposed

this bill, and we feel for good reason. This proposed legislation has more to it than meets the eye. Among other things, this legislation is born out of the threat of a lawsuit by environmental groups to list the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog under the Endangered Species Act. Currently, the Secretary of Agriculture of each state has the ultimate authority for management of species that constitute any threat to humans,

county commission.

Why is this a problem? The Secretary of Agriculture's authority extends to federal laws that were enacted before the Endangered Species Act, which prescribe "control of range-destroying rodents," or which authorize the Secretary's best methods of "eradication, suppression, or bringing under control" on federal, state and privatelyowned land prairie dogs, gophers, ground squirrels, etc. This authority presently supersedes any other under the Endangered Species Act. By shifting that authority away from the Secretary of Agriculture, research shows environmental groups are attempting to limit the functions of the Secretary in protecting agriculture and controlling rangedestroying rodents. In essence, if it's not broke, why try and fix it?

What happens once they shift that authority? As in the case of the Bureau of Land Management, for exhealth, livestock and other wildlife ample, an environmental group

Letter to the Editorsuccessful, many landowners will no longer have control of their land when itcomestomanagementofprairiedogs.

> Although this may seem like a benign, non-issue to most Kansans, this is a matter of grave importance to the landowners in our state. We feel it opens the door for litigation such as involved in the Klamath Lake incident, the fight to end logging because of supposed environmental concerns, etc. which uses the Endangered Species Act as its battle weapon and destroys rural economics. This is not to mention the potential health hazards to area residents because of exposure to Bubonic Plague inherent in prairie dog populations, decreased grazing land prices and stocking rates because of infestation, relocation of prairie dogs on private land, etc.

In the words of a prominent researcher on this issue, "We are just beginning to see the start of a huge fight over this — bigger than any we've seen before"... "It's fixin' to get ugly — very, very ugly." We need to protect our heritage, and our legislation, our legislators need to

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under the Endangered Species Act. called Center for Native Ecosys-HB 2027 shifts that authority to the tems is putting pressure on Bureau State Wildlife and Parks and the of Land Management in Paonia, Colo. Center for Native Ecosystems recommends prohibition of prairie dog shooting, protecting prairie dog colonies from oil and gas development activities, prohibition of poisoning prairie dog colonies, relocating prairie dogs on private land threatened with imminent destruction, etc. If Center for Native Ecosystems is

IF GOD WANTED US TO DUMBO WOULD'A GIVEN US HAS HIS HEART SET ON BECOMIN'AN FEATHERS! ASTRONAUT...

"GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS CALL FOR GREAT RISKS..." NASA Astronaut in training

Echoes on the Southwind

Bird City, Kansas 1885 By Dorthy L. Mast

Water, precious water, was the jewel of the plains country. In Bird City, as well as in other early towns, construction of hand dug wells became a necessity.

The ground water was frozen in the winter and swarming with insects in the summer. Ground water was often the source of what was commonly called "prairie fever" or typhoid which ravaged the settlers. However, hand dug wells were a treacherous occupation that could be accomplished only with the help of a partner. While one dug the other one hauled the dirt to the surface in a bucket operated with a windlass until a hole several feet across reached down to water level.

Dangers associated with the digging of this type of well included Black Damp, Fire Damp,

rally in narrow confines of the earth bucket in the meantime dropping and forms in an explosive mixture down into the water and refilling with air. Commonly known as a gas and then drawn up and dumped heavier than air that gathers in the again. This was done until the bottom of wells and overcomes diggers with rapid suffocation.

dug well a system had to be estab- the ground water but as water lished to bring the water to the surface. Just above the well was a gallows framed pulley beam and just ria began to develop and once below its greatest height was a more the settlers were besieged wooden stock tank. Attached to a 20 gallon bucket, and running over a double pulley was a three quarter very center of the intersection of inch manilla rope at the free end of which was a single-tree to which a mouse colored jinny mule was men and one lady who resided in hitched during the hours the works were in operation.

The technique of raising the water was to start the jinny mule up the Koester. Mrs. Slover was emwell beaten path which led to a barrier at the proper distance to raise pany to cook for the surveyors and falling objects. Black Damp the bucket to the right height for the and the men working at the well also called choking damp, is a gas engineer to tip its contents into the and for the first two months was compound of a mixture of carbon tank. When this process was comthe only lady residing in the town dioxide and nitrogen found in pleted the bucket then hung down proper. deep holes of the earth. Fire over the mouth of the well and at a Damp is a combustible gas, signal the jinny mule retraced her growth of the town.

chiefly methane, that occurs natu- steps back to the well. The tank was filled.

The hand dug well water was Once water was secured from the an improvement over much of was brought to the surface and left standing in the tank, bactewith sickness.

> This well was located at the Bird Avenue and Fourth Street.

> May 12, 1885 there were five the town proper. They were: Mr. and Mrs. James Slover, Charles Brown, G.C. Rusk and R.L. ployed by the Town Site Com-

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— Hangin' with Marge ∤ Life By Margaret

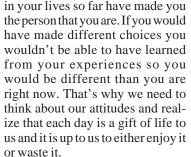
Life—something that we all take for granted but is very complex. How many times when we are in a conversation with someone do you hear "I wish I would have done that differently?"

Probably if we would be honest with ourselves we would have at least one of those times each day that we could say, "If only I would have done it this way it wouldn't have taken so long, or why did I say that to the person or child you were talking to.'

When we are young, life travels by so slowly and we can't wait until we get out of school or get our first job, or make our first million. Then we get a little older and we can't wait until the baby is sleeping all night, or the kids go to school so we have a little more time to ourselves, then the time comes and they are gone from home and we see that those days were the good ones. We might not have made that million in the form of a dollar, but we each have a wealth in memories of our

Whatever choices you have made

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Remember — "Life can only be understood backward, but must be lived forward."

best weapon is getting educated about this issue. If you oppose this hear from you. Please contact Senator Stan Clark or Representative John Fabor on this issue and let your voice be heard. Perry and Paula Keller.

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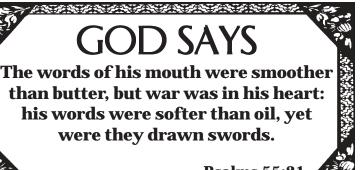
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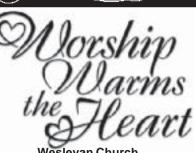
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