

Elderly can be easy prey for greedy family members

DEAR READERS: Today's column continues the discussion regarding the letter from "Perturbed in N. Carolina," who felt that her grandmother was being taken advantage of by her aunt and uncle because she is paying between \$600 and \$700 rent a month, plus a percentage of household improvements.

"Perturbed" said her parents would like Grandma to live with them rent-free, but were afraid to cause a rift in the family. I told her I didn't think this was something she should be involved in, and that her father should talk to his mother and extend the offer. But the decision should be his mother's to make, and sometimes mothers feel closer to their daughters than to their sons.

Many readers felt I should have responded differently. Read on: DEAR ABBY: Your answer was off the mark. I'm the business manager of a skilled nursing facility. I see firsthand the damage caused by greedy relatives who suck dry the assets of their parents or grandparents, then leave them to be cared for at taxpayers' expense.

If Grandma contributed the money for the daughter's home improvements because she wanted to, that's her right. However, if the payments were required by her daughter as a condition of her residency, it is quite another issue and



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• Dear Abby

constitutes exploitation, if not elder abuse.

If the granddaughter or her dad cannot or will not intervene directly, the local office of Adult Protective Services can be contacted to make an assessment of the situation. If elder abuse is determined to be an issue, legal remedies can be instituted to recover any money gained fraudulently, and other living arrangements can be made.

— SUSAN W., LIVINGSTON, MONT.

DEAR ABBY: Same thing happened to my mother! When she could no longer live on her own, my oldest sister had her move in over the objections of my sisters and brother.

Our mom needed special care that she did not get and after three years of bleeding Mom dry of both money and possessions, my sister moved her into a nursing home. She didn't even leave enough for funeral expenses when the time comes.

Sometimes parents will agree to whatever it takes to stay someplace

that's familiar. I say that grandmother should be moved before they fleece the poor thing out of everything she owns. I wish we'd done it for our mother.

— SAD IN MINNESOTA

DEAR ABBY: The aunt's constant requests for money may intimidate her mother. Grandma may not be aware that her son would be happy to take her in, and may worry that she'll be thrown out or placed in a nursing home if she refuses.

The next time they visit, "Perturbed" or her father should have a quiet, confidential talk with Grandma to ensure that she's truly happy with the situation, making it clear that they are bad-mouthing no one, but if she does wish to make a change, they would be happy to support her. Alternatively, they might suggest that Grandma might like a change of scene for a while and could stay with them for a few months to see what happens.

— CONCERNED IN THE U.K.

Grant will help restore Route 66 gas station

BAXTER SPRINGS (AP) — The Baxter Spring Historical Society has received a grant to turn a gas station along historic Route 66 in southeast Kansas into a welcome center for the famed highway.

The National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program awarded the society a \$26,202 grant to restore the gas station's exterior and provide heating and air condition. The Baxter Springs Historical Society, which owns the building, plans to match the grant with money or with in-kind labor.

"Kansas is a real important spot along the route," said Mike Taylor, director of the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program. "Even though there's a short length of the highway in the state, it's really full of some wonderful, historic properties."

The Baxter Springs gas station was built in 1930 and is "one of the classic cottage-style Phillips stations," Taylor said. "It was a real

no-brainer for us."

Mike Kertok, an architect in Norman, Okla., who has restored several Phillips 66 stations, said they began as unattractive tin shacks. But by the 1930s, the company began designing the stations to blend into neighborhoods.

"They painted them in pretty garish colors," Kertok said. "The original color was emerald green with orange and blue trim, with roof shingles of all three colors in a random pattern."

Kertok said pictures he has seen of the gas station in Baxter Springs don't conform to the classic design and that the builder may have taken liberties with the company's plans.

Carla Jordan, who grew up in Baxter Springs and wrote the grant application for the historical society, said organizers are still looking for additional funding to convert the building into a visitor's center.

She also said a chiropractor who currently works in the building will be given plenty of time to find a new location.

"I really believe in Kansas Route 66," Jordan said. "This is my opportunity to give back to my hometown."

Phyllis Abbott, president of the Baxter Springs Historical Society, said she hopes the renovated gas station promotes Route 66 in Kansas and neighboring states, while benefiting the local economy.

"Right here on the route, it will be kind of a high-profile stop," Abbott said.

Information from: The Joplin Globe, www.joplinglobe.com

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

MENLO POOL HALL, INC., A KANSAS CORPORATION, Plaintiff, Case No.06-CV32 vs.

HARRIETT CHRISTENSEN, ANN CHRISTENSEN, GORDON V. CHRISTENSEN, W. E. WICKIZER and HELEN M. WICKIZER, husband and wife, and any of the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors, and assigns or any defendants which are not existing, dissolved, or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors, and assigns of any defendants who are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators, and trustees of any defendants who are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Kansas to the above named defendants, and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas, by Menlo Pool Hall, Inc., plaintiff, praying for an order quieting the title to the following described real property, to-wit:

Lots 6, 7, and 8, in Block 10, Original Town of Menlo, Kansas

You are hereby required to plead to said petition on or before the 5th day of October 2006, in said court, at Colby, Thomas County, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Menlo Pool Hall, Inc., Ron Ball, President

VIGNERY & MASON L.L.C. 214 E. 10th P.O. Box 767 Goodland, KS 67735 Telephone: 785-890-6588 Attorney for Trustee and Plaintiff (Published in the Colby Free Press August 23, 30 and September 6, 2006.)

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1265 W. 7th St. Friday 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Kids' clothing, furniture, and misc. items. --8/23--8/25---

1100 Terrace Dr. Sunday 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Antiques, rental items, daycare items, household misc., washer and dryer. --8/23--8/25---

725 Cherokee Dr. Saturday only 9:00 - ? Multi family sale. Years and years of treasures. No early birds please. --8/23--8/25---

Colby 4-H Building. August 25, noon-7:00 p.m. August 26, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Giant annual PEO garage sale. Something for everyone. --8/21--8/25---

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WEEKDAYS AUGUST 22 - AUGUST 28

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America					Martha		The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News Cont'd		Today							Live With Regis and Kelly		Paid Program	Paid Program
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News Cont'd		News		The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		
K15CG (2)	BBC World	Body Electric	Cailou	Mister Rogers	Beren Bears	Cliff Pup	Big Big World	Dragon Tales	Sesame Street		Teletubbies	Barney-Friends	
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight	NFL Live	
USA (37)	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		The District		JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		
TBS (38)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Dawson's Creek		Movie				Varied	Saved by Bell	
WGN (39)	Changing of the Guard	Believer Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbillys	Hillbillys	Rockford Files		Matlock		Magnum, P.I.		
TNT (40)	Angel		Charmed		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy		
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	American Chopper		American Chopper		Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Varied Programs		
A&E (47)	City Confidential		Varied Programs					City Confidential		American Justice		Cold Case Files	
HIST (48)	Varied Programs												
NICK (55)	OddParents	OddParents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues	Backyardigans	The Wonder	LazyTown	Varied Programs		
DISN (56)	The Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Doodlebops	JoJo's Circus	Charlie & Lola	Stanley	Koala Brothers	Doodlebops	Higglytown	Lilo & Stitch	Buzz Light	
FAM (58)	Kong-Series	Super Robot	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	The 700 Club		Living the Life	Step by Step	Gilmore Girls		Full House	Full House	
HALL (60)	New Morning		The Waltons					Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Touched by an Angel	

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Judge-Brown	Judge-Brown	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wild News	
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Extra	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		The Insider	Jeopardy!	News	NBC News	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News	
K15CG (2)	Reading Rainbow	Lions	Varied Programs		Clifford-Red		Cyber-chase	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Fetch! With	Zoom	Business	
ESPN (28)	Varied Programs												
USA (37)	Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs		
TBS (38)	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
WGN (39)	News		Magnum, P.I.		Da Vinci's Inquest		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Moesha	Moesha	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	
TNT (40)	Judging Amy		Law & Order		Law & Order		Charmed		Charmed		Law & Order		
DSC (42)	Varied Programs		The New Detectives		The FBI Files		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	
A&E (47)	Crossing Jordan		Varied Programs					City Confidential		American Justice		Cold Case Files	
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels												
NICK (55)	Varied Programs				Danny Phantom	SpongeBob	Jimmy Neutron	OddParents	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	Danny Phantom	
DISN (56)	Timon & Pumbaa	Whiskers	Varied Programs					American Drgn	Kim Possible	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody
FAM (58)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	Gilmore Girls		Varied Programs		
HALL (60)	Matlock		Matlock		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	

THURSDAY AUGUST 24

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (CC)	Entertainment	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Primetime (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Name Is Office	Name Is Office	The Office	The Office	Windfall Urgent Care (N) (CC)		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Inside Edition	Big Brother: All-Stars (Live) (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Without a Trace	The Innocents (CC)	News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late	
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Sun-flower	Kansas Spotlight		The This Old House Hour (CC)		Antiques Roadshow Miami		BBC World	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
ESPN (28)	Sports-Center	Little League Baseball: World Series U.S. Semifinal -- Teams TBA. Williamsport, Pa.			Baseball (Live)		Tonight	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			Baseball Tonight (Live)	NFL Live (Live)
USA (37)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Monk Monk has amnesia. (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS (38)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Wild Wild West	Will Smith, Kevin Kline. (CC)	WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City (CC)	Becker (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Movie: The Pawn ** (1999) A veteran police officer targets corruption in the force.		WGN News at Nine (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City (CC)	Becker (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
TNT (40)	Without a Trace		Movie: Signs *** (2002) A widower investigates huge circles in his crop fields.		Movie: Dreamcatcher *1/2 (2003) Four telepathic friends encounter malevolent aliens. Morgan Freeman.		Movie: Dreamcatcher *1/2 (2003) Four telepathic friends encounter malevolent aliens. Morgan Freeman.		Movie: Dreamcatcher *1/2 (2003) Four telepathic friends encounter malevolent aliens. Morgan Freeman.		Movie: Dreamcatcher *1/2 (2003) Four telepathic friends encounter malevolent aliens. Morgan Freeman.	
DSC (42)	48 Hours: Hard Evidence		A Haunting A house in Tucson, Ariz. (CC)		A Haunting Ghost Soldier (N)		Most Evil Diabolical plots. (N)		Supermax The SHU (CC)		A Haunting A house in Tucson, Ariz. (CC)	
A&E (47)	Crossing Jordan (CC)		The First 48 A serial killer calls 911. (CC)		The First 48 (N) (CC)		Cold Case Files (CC)		Cold Case Files (CC)		The First 48 A serial killer calls 911. (CC)	
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels (CC)											
NICK (55)	OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Romeo! (CC)	Different World	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (CC)	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
DISN (56)	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Movie: High School Musical ***1/2 (2006. Musical Comedy) Zac Efron. (CC)		Emper New	American Drgn	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible		
FAM (58)	7th Heaven I Love Lucy (CC)		Movie: Uptown Girls (2003) A carefree woman becomes a nanny to an uptight girl.		Whose Line? (CC)	Whose Line? (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos		
HALL (60)	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Movie: Jane Doe: The Harder They Fall (2005, Mystery) Lea Thompson. (CC)		M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)

FRIDAY AUGUST 25

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (CC)	Entertainment	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Kyle XY Overheard (N) (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline NBC (CC)		Las Vegas (CC)		Law & Order Thinking Makes It So		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Inside Edition	The Unit A bomb in an Atlanta bank.		The Unit The Wall (CC)		NUMB3RS Mind Games (TV) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late	
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Wash. Week	Partners (CC)		Market-Market	NOW (N) (CC)	Ballykissangel (CC)		BBC World	Red Green	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
ESPN (28)	Monday Night Countdown (Live)		NFL Preseason Football: Pittsburgh Steelers at Philadelphia Eagles. Lincoln Financial Field. (Live) (CC)				SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Baseball Tonight (Live)	NFL Live (Live)
USA (37)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Monk (Season Finale) (N) (CC)		Psych Shawn vs. The Red Phantom		House Deception (CC)		Monk (CC)	
TBS (38)	Raymond	MLB Baseball: Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves. Turner Field. (Live) (CC)			Raymond		Movie: Turner & Hooch ***1/2 (1989. Comedy-Drama) Tom Hanks. (CC)		Sex and the City (CC)	Becker (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Movie: The Crew ** (2000, Comedy) Richard Dreyfuss, Burt Reynolds. (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City (CC)	Becker (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	
TNT (40)	NASCAR Pract.	NASCAR Racing: Busch Series -- Food City 250. From Bristol, Tenn. (Live) (CC)			Movie: GoodFellas *** (1990) An Irish-Italian hood joins the 1950s New York Mafia. Robert De Niro.		Movie: GoodFellas *** (1990) An Irish-Italian hood joins the 1950s New York Mafia. Robert De Niro.		Movie: GoodFellas *** (1990) An Irish-Italian hood joins the 1950s New York Mafia. Robert De Niro.		Movie: GoodFellas *** (1990) An Irish-Italian hood joins the 1950s New York Mafia. Robert De Niro.	
DSC (42)	Stunt Junkies	Stunt Junkies	Futureweapons Future Shock (CC)		Dirty Jobs Alpaca Shearer		Survivorman (CC)		Stunt Junkies	Stunt Junkies	Futureweapons Future Shock (CC)	
A&E (47)	Crossing Jordan Family Affair (CC)		City Confidential (CC)		City Confidential (CC)		Facing Life: The Re-Trial of Evan Zimmerman (CC					