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Hating should have its etiquette

Check out what newspaper readers have to say. Put on the radio listeners.

Flip on the television. Have a look at Internet reaction.

People don't like it. People don't like what? People don't like much of anything, from little government up through and including big government; they don't like what certain people are saying, singing, acting out, writing, playing, reporting and even preaching.

Hate it sooner: What's a person to do with something that is apt to be upsetting to a high degree?

Far and away the most common type of maddening presentation is the sort that you know you're going to dislike before you become invested.

It's not easy to watch a television show around an actor you can't stand. I enjoy all but the idiot Dwight on "The Office." His backhanded slapstick is about the only worker in that office who you wouldn't find in your office.

So why watch something you're fairly certain you won't like?

Why listen to a sports talk-radio show that is probably lousy?

Why become a number in a circulation or ratings book that could benefit somebody you can't stand? People who enjoy disliking something are examples of negative numbers, those who watch and listen and read and respond but wouldn't spend a dime if you loaned them a nickel.

It's not the taxpayer's or viewer's or reader's or listener's fault that so much has become so bad virtually overnight; and a person has to do something with his or her time once you've finished text-messaging while driving.

Loathe it later: With so much bias and incompetence on display, a certain etiquette has come into play when it comes time to complain.

Even if you read or watch something that is so terrible it's funny, there must be a limit to the negativism.

Television is so universally bad that people have to watch something by default. Continued complaining is going to turn somebody who's relatively happy into somebody who is mad at you — the people who enjoyed the show you ridiculed.

Through the summer months, I watch television shows that are bad; it's that or reread some great old books, or skim some bad new books.

Bad sometimes beats boring.

Chief among the bad television shows is one called "Hell's Kitchen," during which a chef demeans possible cooks and throws food at them.

Another show that is so bad you have to partake occasionally is the Jon and Kate fiasco, with Kate somehow in the new season having wound up with Donald Trump's hair on top of her head.

If you give your time to something that you know is lousy, you can only complain if you're halfway funny.

BA pupil contracts swine flu

■ The Wolf Creek Elementary School student is recovering at home, and the school will remain open.

BY SARA PLUMMER
World Staff Writer

BROKEN ARROW — A student at Wolf Creek Elementary School has been diagnosed with Type A influenza that could be the H1N1 virus.

The H1N1 virus is a Type A influenza.

The student is at home and won't return to school until symptoms are gone.

Symptoms for the H1N1 virus, also

known as the swine flu, are similar to seasonal flu symptoms and include body aches, chills, coughing, fatigue, fever, headache, runny or stuffy nose and sore throat. Some cases also include diarrhea, nausea and vomiting.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines include having people diagnosed with any type of flu stay home until they are symptom-free and have no fever for 24 hours without fever-re-

ducing medications.

"Stay isolated from as many people as possible," said Melanie Christian, a spokeswoman for the Tulsa City-County Health Department.

She said the H1N1 virus appears to be "very contagious."

Wolf Creek remains open, and attendance seemed normal Thursday, said Keith Isbell, the district's chief communications officer.

The student's parents informed the school Wednesday of their child's diagnosis. The district then sent out an alert to all parents re-

Prevention tips

- Cough or sneeze into a tissue, sleeve or inside of arm.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after sneezing or coughing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick, stay at home until you are symptom-free and fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications.

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NEW HOME FOR CLAREHOUSE



Clarehouse has a new \$5.1 million facility that can accommodate as many as 10 people. Clarehouse provides free end-of-life care for patients and a place to spend time with family. Photos by SHERRY BROWN/Tulsa World

Making last moments last

Envisioned facility for the terminally ill comes to fruition

BY MIKE AVERILL
World Staff Writer



Clarehouse founder and Director Kelley Scott sits near a relaxing, wall-mounted water fountain in the meditation space of the new facility.

What started as a vision eight years ago will come to fruition Monday when the first patients enter the new \$5.1 million Clarehouse facility.

Clarehouse, a nonprofit organization that provides short-term, end-of-life care in a homelike setting, started in the mind of Executive Director Kelley Scott in 2001.

In 2003, it opened as a collection of apartments able to handle the care

of three people, allowing their families to be with them 24 hours a day.

The new 14,000-square-foot facility, at 7617 S. Mingo Road, will be able to house 10 patients at a time.

"We were able to create an amazing home purposely built for patients and their families in the final days of life," Scott said. "Every minute matters, and we want to help people take advantage of the time they have left."

Clarehouse raised \$7.6 million to build the facility; the rest will be used for care and operating costs.

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Creek chief questions city's ethics in land deal

BY CLIFTON ADCOCK
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Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief A.D. Ellis accused the city of Tulsa of hypocrisy Thursday for its efforts to stop the tribe from putting land in trust while the city owns land in Delaware County tax-free.

Land designated as a tribal trust is exempt from sales and property taxes.

At a press conference, Ellis also said he believes that the city wants to stop land on both sides of the Arkansas River from being put into trust because of the tribe's plans to build a bridge across the river between Tulsa and Jenks.

The application process to put



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Principal Chief A.D. Ellis: He said the city wants to stop the land trust because the tribe plans a bridge between Tulsa and Jenks.

the land for a bridge near 121st Street and Yale Avenue in trust began this week, Ellis said.

The application is likely to be submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs within three months.

The trust process usually takes years to complete, and construction

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Vinita motorist is cited for allegedly dragging dog

BY RHETT MORGAN
World Staff Writer



Injuries to a dog that reportedly was dragged behind a pickup last week in Vinita included road burns to its legs and body. Courtesy

VINITA — A Vinita man was ticketed last week for allegedly dragging a dog for about 300 feet behind a pickup, police said.

Nathan Goff, 21, was cited for carrying animals in a cruel manner, a misdemeanor, Officer Bobby Floyd said.

Sally Dietrich of Disney said she was traveling on a motorcycle in Vinita the afternoon of Aug. 14 when she saw two dogs chained behind a moving pickup. She estimated that the truck was traveling about 45 mph.

"One dog was actually flipping and flopping behind," she said.

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ADOPT-A-COP

Anna Falling: The mayoral hopeful proposed a "Protect the Police Initiative," which includes churches, civic groups and businesses "adopting" officers to help pay their out-of-pocket work expenses such as uniform and equipment costs. Churches also should actively pray for the officers' safety, she added.

Candidate wants churches to help cover cops' costs

BY BRIAN BARBER
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Mayoral candidate Anna Falling on Thursday proposed a "Protect the Police Initiative," which would have churches, civic groups and businesses "adopting" officers to help pay their out-of-pocket work expenses.

Officers have to pay as much as \$1,000 annually in uniform and equipment costs, the Republican candidate said during a news conference outside the Tulsa Police Department's Riverside Division.

Through the same Adopt-A-Cop program, churches should actively pray for the officers' safety, Falling said.

"They put themselves in harm's way for us every day," she said. "We are citizens who want to do our part to protect those who protect us."

Falling is one of 11 candidates battling for the GOP nomination in the Sept. 8 municipal primary election, with the top vote-getter advancing to the Nov. 10 general election.

Falling, a former city councilor who has co-founded numerous Christian non-profit groups, has focused her campaign on recruit-

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ing churches to be more involved in city government.

As part of her police initiative, Falling said she also would work with churches to develop programs targeting at-risk youths and people who are suffering from alcohol and drug addictions.

"Tulsa's churches, if invited into City Hall in force, can help transform our city's brokenness by helping men- tor them before real problems arise," she said.

Criminal justice procedures are not enough, Falling said.

They need to receive "acceptance, encouragement, counseling, Godly teaching and intervention to establish whole, new lives."

This church effort, in turn, would reduce the amount of Police Department manpower and other limited resources needed in this area, allowing police officers to focus on other priorities, Falling said.

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City animal-control budget boost OK'd

• The City Council passes an amendment to return \$140,000 to the division.

BY BRIAN BARBER
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Tulsa's City Council approved a \$140,000 budget amendment Thursday that will put animal welfare officers back in the field after hours and on weekends.

Of the total, \$80,000 will fund two officers, and \$60,000 will pay for Animal Welfare Division overtime and standby pay.

The posts were eliminated in budget cuts, but city officials said that action came back to bite them.

Budget Director Pat Connelly told councilors earlier this week that it became apparent in July, the first month of the new fiscal year, that the positions had to be restored.

The plan had been to have the Police Department answer during those hours the highest priority calls that would have been worked by animal welfare officers.

Such calls would include vicious dogs threatening people, dog bites, cruelty to animals, injured animals and loose livestock.

But the Police Department didn't have the equipment

or training to manage those kinds of situations, Connelly said.

Animal Shelter Manager Jean Letcher said Tuesday that a situation that developed over the July 4 weekend "very much illustrated the need for professional animal welfare officers available 24 hours."

The situation involved a dog bite in which the dog was shot by police, she said.

Because police officers don't have the proper vehicles to transport dogs and no animal welfare officers were available to pick up or process the dog, the standard rabies testing was delayed, she said.

Captured animals are quarantined for 10 days to see whether they are rabid.

The heads of dead animals are immediately sent to a state pathology lab to undergo brain tests for rabies.

Councilors had warned Mayor Kathy Taylor's administration that the cuts would cause problems.

The council, however, approved the budget.

The money for the positions comes from funding that had been set aside to purchase bulletproof vests for police officers.

Councilors were assured that every police officer in the city will still have a vest.

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McDonald's closes eatery on turnpike near Bristow

OKLAHOMA CITY — The McDonald's restaurant along the eastbound lanes of the Turner Turnpike near Bristow was set to close for good at midnight Thursday night.

McDonald's decided not to renew its lease with the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, agency spokesman Jack Damrill said.

The restaurant will be demolished and the ramps will be closed, he said.

"We are not going to put anything there," Damrill said. "It just does not make a lot of money."

The Turnpike Authority

checked with other potential vendors, who showed no interest in the site, he said.

The McDonald's restaurant on the Turner Turnpike near Stroud has been remodeled to accommodate more customers, Damrill said.

Travelers who need to stop along the Turner Turnpike can use the facilities at the Stroud location, said Tim Stewart, the Turnpike Authority's deputy director.

Facilities also are available at the Chandler exit, Stewart said.

— BARBARA HOBEROCK,
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Contamination and cleaning tips

- Influenza virus can survive on surfaces for two to eight hours and can be destroyed by heat of 167 to 212 degrees. Chlorine, hydrogen peroxide, detergents, iodine-based antiseptics and alcohols are effective against flu viruses when used in proper concentrations for a sufficient time.
- At home, keep bathroom surfaces, bedside tables, kitchen counters and children's toys clean by wiping them with a household disinfectant.

- Eating utensils and dishes used by people who are sick do not need to be cleaned separately. But they need to be thoroughly washed with soap and water before being used again.
- Linens such as towels and bedsheets can be washed in laundry soap and dried on a hot setting. Do not carry laundry close to your face before washing.

Source: Tulsa City-County Health Department and Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



FLU:

Cases of swine flu are expected to increase this fall.

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minding them to look for flu-like symptoms and outlining precautions to take.

"We're on top of it as much as a school district can be," Isbell said. "We're following all the CDC guidelines."

Those guidelines include leaving schools open even if a few students show symptoms, he said.

Isbell said the area where the infected student spends the most time underwent extra cleaning.

"We have the latest and greatest in cleaning items," he said. "We've been focused on this since last spring. We're encouraging hand-

By the numbers

387: Number of positive lab tests for swine flu reported in Oklahoma.

washing and covering the mouth when coughing or sneezing."

Lauri Smithe, chief of acute diseases at the Oklahoma State Department of Health, said 387 positive laboratory tests for swine flu have been recorded in Oklahoma. "But that's just the tip of the iceberg," she said.

Many people didn't report the illness to the state Health Department because the virus is relatively mild.

"Some may have come down with it and not even sought medical attention and just recovered on their own," Smithe said.

Cases are expected to increase with schools in session and cooler weather approaching, she said.

Christian said the local

Health Department is anticipating a swine flu vaccine in mid-October. The department usually doesn't start administering seasonal flu vaccines until November but might start in September or October this year.

"The flu has not gone away this year," she said. "We've seen H1N1 all spring and summer."

The CDC has prioritized groups of people who should be given the H1N1 vaccine first.

They include pregnant women, people who live with or care for children 6 months old or younger, health-care and emergency medical personnel, people ages 6 months to 24 years, and people ages 25 through 64 who are at higher risk because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems.

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DOG:

The owner said he was driving only 2 to 3 mph.

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The dog, described as a black Labrador mix, suffered friction burns above the knees and on the chest and had areas of skin sloughing, said Jimmie Ownbey, a Vinita veterinarian who treated the dog. The pad on the dog's right paw also was damaged, he said.

The other animal was uninjured.

Goff told police that he was transporting the dogs to a residence about two blocks away, Floyd said.

Goff reportedly told Floyd that he was traveling in his 1997 GMC Sierra pickup at idle speed, about 2 to 3 mph, when he realized that one of the dogs had fallen.

Goff appeared remorseful about the dog's injuries, Floyd said.

Ownbey said he thinks Goff "was going a lot faster than that. ... All I can say is the dog was dragged long enough to cause pretty good road burn. If you've ever fallen on a basketball floor, you can get a pretty good burn. But you don't usually slough off that skin."

Goff told police that he



This dog reportedly was dragged behind a pickup last week in Vinita. She is recovering at the Humane Society of Grove and Grand Lake, where she has been renamed Onyx. Courtesy

chained the dogs to the pickup because on a previous trip, one had escaped from the truck's bed, Floyd said.

Dietrich, who confronted Goff at the scene, insisted that he take the dogs to a veterinarian immediately, she said.

Ownbey said the dogs weren't current on their vaccinations.

"They wanted to spend no money on fixing these dogs," he said. "Then the Humane Society got involved and started paying the bills."

The Humane Society of Grove and Grand Lake is caring for the 44-pound dog who was injured, now renamed Onyx. Her treatment has cost more than \$400.

The agency plans to put

the dog up for adoption once she is healed. Goff still has custody of the uninjured dog, officials said.

Floyd said that while at the scene, he consulted by phone with the Craig County District Attorney's Office about how to proceed.

Assistant District Attorney Jim Ely said Thursday that it was his initial understanding that only one dog was involved and that it was uninjured.

Told by a Tulsa World reporter that an animal was indeed injured, Ely said he would review photos taken of the dog by veterinary and Humane Society officials.

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CREEK:

Tulsa city councilors and county commissioners oppose the trust.

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tion probably would not begin for six or seven years, he said.

Ellis, seated next to Delaware County resident and activist Michael Sperry, said the city and county would receive more than what would be lost in tax revenue as a result of economic development on the land.

In July, two Tulsa County commissioners sent letters to the BIA opposing the tribe's application to put land on the east side of the river into trust.

Tulsa's City Council also passed a resolution opposing the tribe's putting the land in trust.

In a letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tulsa Mayor Kathy Taylor said that in addition to losing tax revenue, the city would be forced to pay millions of dollars to build infrastructure if the property were developed.

She also noted that the land is in a flood zone.

On Thursday, Ellis pointed to the Tulsa-owned land around Lake Eucha, from

which the city draws water. "Although they're objecting to us putting 40 acres in trust here, we found out the city of Tulsa owns approximately 12,000 acres in Delaware and Mayes counties, and it's tax-exempt," Ellis said.

"The whole county's been affected, because this amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars Tulsa has not paid, yet they do not want us to put 40 acres in trust. It's hypocritical to take the issue the city of Tulsa has taken."

Kim MacLeod, a spokeswoman for Taylor, said the city had no comment other than the arguments it laid out in its letter to the BIA.

The property on the east side of the river, near the tribe's massive new River Spirit Casino, is to be used for employee parking.

Sperry said Tulsa-owned land at Lake Eucha hasn't resulted in improved water quality.

"The city of Tulsa cannot buy enough land in Delaware County to protect Lake Eucha and Lake Spavinaw, but they can bankrupt the county," he said, adding that the property would make up about 20 per-

cent of the county's property tax base.

The city of Jenks had tried to build a bridge over the Arkansas River a few years ago but was met with fierce resistance from Tulsa residents and city officials.

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The facility was designed by McFarland Davies and constructed by Flintco.

Tamara Rains, vice president of Clarehouse's board of directors and the building committee's chairwoman, said: "The biggest challenge was making a commercial structure look and feel like a home. I don't think any of us envisioned it would be as difficult as it's been, but we are thrilled with our new home."

For people who want to donate items, Clarehouse is registered at JC Penney; Bed, Bath and Beyond; and Pottery Barn.

Patients spend an average of a week at Clarehouse; the criterion is a prognosis of a month or less left to live.

"A lot of people think that a place you go to die is going to be cold with a clinical feel," Scott said. "People die here every day, but it's not a cold place. There's a lot of living going on."

"This is really a fun room with lots of stuff we couldn't have done before," Scott said.

Outside are gardens, an open-air chapel, and a labyrinth for reflection.

"We know it hurts to lose someone you love," Scott said. "We want to make it more bearable for the families."

"I've learned over the years that when you're stressed emotionally, you can't take in a new experience. We give them the opportunity to get something meaningful out of the experience."

"All the design focused on creating a warm, cozy, comfortable environment," she said.

The facility has an earthy feel indoors with an emphasis on stone and wood. Each of the 10 patient rooms has views and decks with double doors that open so that hospital beds can be rolled outside.

"We were so cramped in the apartments," Scott said. "When a patient came in, we had to carry them from the hallway into the bedroom. Now, with the wide hallways, there's a lot better design for actual caregiving."

There are gathering areas for family members, a family kitchen, and an indoor meditation spot that offers a quiet area.

There's also a spa with a hydromassage therapy tub and a massage table for the patients.

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