

# Opinion

## Something about the English language doesn't make 'cents'

The following two submissions for this column came by e-mail. The first was sent in by no less than three readers (each version varied slightly from the other), and the second by a repeater (his second to appear). Simply send an e-mail to tomtd@nwkans.com, fax 877-3732, mail to 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654 or drop it off at the office.

The English Language. Have you ever wondered why foreigners have trouble with it? Let's face it, English is a crazy language. There is no egg in the eggplant. No ham in the hamburger. And neither pine nor apple in pineapple. English muffins were not invented in England. French fries were not invented in France.

We sometimes take English for granted. But if we examine its paradoxes we find that quicksand takes you down slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. If writers write, how come fingers don't fing. If the plural of tooth is teeth, shouldn't the plural of phone booth be phone beeth?

If the teacher taught, why didn't the preacher praught. Why do people recite at a play, yet play at a recital? Or park on driveways and drive on parkways? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language where a house can burn up as it burns down. And in which you fill in a form by filling it out.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race (which of course isn't a race at all). Why is it that when the stars are out they are visible, but when the lights are out they are invisible?

Ah, the challenges of the English language

"Hey Dad," one of my kids asked the other day, "What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?"

"We didn't have fast food when I was growing up," I informed him. "All the food was slow."

"C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?"

"It was a place called 'at home,'" I explained. "Grandma cooked every day and when Grandpa got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it."

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table. But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it:

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card. In their later years they had something called a revolving charge card. The card was good only at

### At Week's End

Sears Roebuck. Or maybe it was Sears AND Roebuck. Either way, there is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This was mostly because we never had heard of soccer. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow). We didn't have a television in our house until I was 11, but my grandparents had one before that. It was, of course, black and white, but they bought a piece of colored plastic to cover the screen. The top third was blue, like the sky, and the bottom third was green, like grass. The middle third was red. It was perfect for programs that had scenes of fire trucks riding across someone's lawn on a sunny day. Some people had a lens taped to the front of the TV to make the picture look larger.

I was 13 before I tasted my first pizza, it was called "pizza pie." When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that, too. It's still the best pizza I ever had.

We didn't have a car until I was 15. Before that, the only car in our family was my grandfather's Ford. He called it a "machine." I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home. But milk was. All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers. I delivered a newspaper, six days a week. It cost 7 cents a paper, of which I got to keep 2 cents. I had to get up at 4:00 every morning. On Saturday, I had to collect the 42 cents from my customers. My favorite customers were the ones who gave me 50 cents and told me to keep the change. My least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. Touching someone else's tongue with yours was called French kissing and they didn't do that in movies. I don't know what they did in French movies. French movies were dirty and we weren't allowed to see them.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren.

Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing.

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

# Norton Homecoming just around the corner

(Continued from Page 1) ers of America, plays in the band, is in Drama and plays tennis.

Hannah Mills, the daughter of Larry and Kay Mills is on the KAYS board, the Student Advisory Council, in Jay Singers and National Honor Society, plays tennis, is captain of the cheerleading squad, on the yearbook staff and goes out for track and drama.

Jeff and Lori Roe are Lacey Roe's parents. She is involved in drama, volleyball, track, Students Against Destructive Decisions, is president of KAYS, co-editor of the yearbook and is in the band

### King Candidates

Nathan Broeckleman is the son of Jim and Tami Broeckleman. This year he is going out for football, wrestling and track. He is involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Advisory Council and is in National Honor Society.

John and Pam Engelbert are the parents of Jared Engelbert. This year his activities include cross country, basketball, track, KAYS, National Honor Society, Student Advisory Council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Kent Mann, the son of Kurt and Georgia Mann is going out for cross country, track and wrestling. His is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Blake Van Eaton is going out for football, wrestling, and track. He is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Student Advisory Council and the National Honor Society. He is also involved in Drama. His parents are Robert and Lori Van Eaton.

### Week's Activities

Every day next week has a theme to help promote team spirit and school pride. Monday students are encouraged to dress representing their favorite college team; Tuesday is Dress-up Day; everyone will see double on Wednesday for Twin Day; it's Hill-Billy Day on Thursday; and team spirit will show on Friday when the entire school will wear Blue and Yellow.

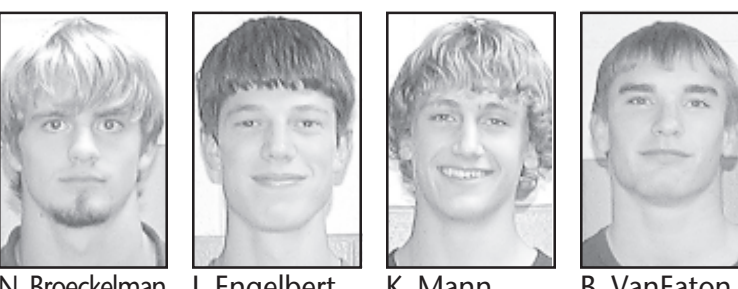
First, second and third place prizes will be awarded to the best posters displayed during homecoming week in the windows of downtown merchants. Awards for the top three parade entries will

## Homecoming Queen Candidates



M. Bailey L. Jones H. Mills L. Roe

## Homecoming King Candidates



N. Broeckelman J. Engelbert K. Mann B. Van Eaton

also be given.

The parade starts at 2:45 p.m. Friday and ends with a pep assembly at 3 p.m. on the steps of Norton County Courthouse.

Homecoming Royalty will ar-

rive on the football field at 6:45 p.m. for the coronation ceremony. Levi Ellis, son of Brock and Kim Ellis, and Hadley Hauser, daughter of Keith and Jennifer Hauser, will be crown bearers.

# Council to see what can be done for trees

(Continued from Page 1) monthly progress meeting at the plant.

• Learned that BRB Contractors and city crews are fixing the sewer main underneath the KQNK bridge.

• Heard from Mr. Lawson that the water plant is also coming along as well. He said the city has been approved for funding from U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development, but right now they don't have any money for the city. Mr. Lawson said hopefully there will be money available in November.

• Heard from Mr. Lawson that he would like to get the city code changed to prohibit garage sale, car wash and other home made signs from being put up on city poles. He said it wouldn't be an issue if people would take their signs down after their events, but most people don't and the poles are getting cluttered.

• Learned from Mr. Lawson that the pool closed after Labor Day. He said it was a good season with very few complaints. The fire department used the pool to do their pump testing after the pool closed.

• Heard from Mr. Lawson that the city has had several requests to help people remove rundown sheds and old buildings from their property. He said city crews were helping them, mainly with loading the debris. It's better to spend a little fuel now than have to take them to court later, he said.

Mr. Briery asked if their was any way the county would give a discount at the landfill for things like this. If it didn't cost so much, maybe more people would be willing to clean up their properties, he said.

Mr. Lawson said he had spoken with Commissioner John Miller about that and was waiting on a response back.

• Set the fall city-wide clean-up for Nov. 6, 7 and 8.

• Heard from Mr. Lawson that the new skate park equipment, the money for which was donated by the Norton County Community Foundation, has been installed at Elmwood Park. The foundation donated \$4,832.85. Also, he said, the installation of a new slide at Mapes Park in Westridge Acres is almost finished. John and Lee Mapes donated the slide to replace the old, unsafe slide that was there

before.

• Learned that people have once again been illegally dumping materials, furniture and other items that aren't allowed in the city-owned dumpsters around town.

• Heard that city crews will be trimming the trees downtown, so that they don't scrape against the buildings or block the stop signs.

• Heard Mr. Briery thank Chief Menagh for checking into some

credit card fraud for him.

• Heard from Mr. Jones that he would like the Public Works committee check into discontinuing yard waste pick-up after this year as a way to save money. He would also like them to look at changing the day Monday's trash route is picked up after a Monday holiday.

Mr. Lawson said they could possibly make everyone's trash pick-up a late later.

## Norton family gets a little taste of Brazil

(Continued from Page 1) istry (his favorite class), English (which he has studied for six years), Biology, Algebra II and Spanish. He says Spanish is easy. It is closely related to his native language of Portuguese.

He is out for cross country and plans to play basketball, at least for a little while. His visit to Norton will end Jan. 6.

Matheus' home town of Franca has a population of 350,000. Of the

differences between Franca and Norton, he said, "There might be more things to do in a big city — but I like Norton."

When he returns to Brazil, he will be a senior. Matheus plans to go to college at Rubeirao Preto where he will major in business administration.

His parents Mauricio and Celita Martins are both business owners. His mother owns two factories that make belts and purses, while his

father owns a shoe factory. Matheus has a brother, Leonardo, 19.

He said that Franca has over 2,000 shoe factories. He added that besides factories, Brazil has lots of farming. The main crops are coffee and sugar cane.

Some of the things he might miss, though, when he returns to his home is the LA Lakers, the music of Led Zeppelin and Def Leopard, and his host mom's brownies.

# Mortgage Foreclosure

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, September 8, 15, 22, 2006. (3T) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. 2006CV50 K.S.A. 60 Mortgage Foreclosure NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff vs.

CONNIE CHANDLER, Defendants **NOTICE OF SUIT**

The State of Kansas to: CONNIE CHANDLER; JOHN DOE (REAL NAME UNKNOWN); MARY DOE (REAL NAME UNKNOWN)

and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of such defendants as are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown guardians and trustees of such of the defendants as are minors or are in anywise under legal disability; 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 Norton County, Kansas, by National City Mortgage Company for judgement in the sum of \$89,848.92, plus interest, costs and other relief; judgement that plaintiff's lien is a first lien on the said real property and sale of said property to satisfy the indebtedness, said property described as follows, to wit:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NE/4 NW/4) OF SECTION THIRTY-FOUR (34), TOWNSHIP TWO (2) SOUTH, RANGE TWENTY-THREE (23) WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS AND ASSUMING THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NE/4 NW/4 BEARS S 90 DEGREES 00' 00" W, COMMENCING AT THE NC 1/4 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 34, THENCE S 90 DEGREES 00' 00" W 801.00 FEET ON THE 1/4 1/4 SECTION LINE TO A POINT; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 08' 45" E 383.00 FEET ON THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF KENNEDY STREET TO A POINT, SAID POINT ALSO BEING TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 08' 45" E 120.00 FEET ON

THE WEST LINE OF KENNEDY STREET, TO A POINT; THENCE S 90 DEGREES 00' 00" W 250.00 FEET ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE EXTENDED WESTERLY OF CRANE STREET TO A POINT; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 08' 45" W 120.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 90 DEGREES 00' 00" E 250.00 FEET TO TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 910 Kennedy Ave., Norton, Kansas 67654

and you are hereby required to plead to said petition in said Court at Norton, Kansas on or before the 23rd day of October, 2006.

Should you fail therein judgement and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

SHAPIRO & MOCK, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 6310 Lamar - Ste. 240 Overland Park, KS 66202-4287 (913) 831-3000 Fax No. (913) 831-3320 Our File No. 06-1456/sk

## Treasure Hunt will stop in Norton

Two dozen businesses and individuals have signed up for the first annual US 36 Treasure Hunt that began today and will run through Sunday. More people may be participating but not listed on the official Treasure Hunt map.

A promotion to encourage travel on US 36, the event is modeled after other successful state-wide garage sales.

Participants and their locations are:

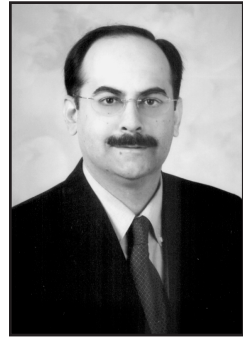
1. Norton Rotary, 410 East Holme, Information Center and Sales
2. Kevin Baughman, 904 Crestview
3. Mark Keilig, 1005 Eisenhower Drive, behind Dairy Queen
4. Senior Center, at the Pavilion Water Tower Park, across from Pamida
5. Juenemann's west edge of

Norton, north side of US 36

6. Margaret Seamans, featuring homemade pies, 415 East Holme
7. Good 'Ole Days Antiques, red barn four miles north of US 36 on Hwy. 283, east side of highway
8. Carol Ryan, 601 A East Holme, in front of Ruth's Antiques
9. Ada Arford, 601 A East Holme, in front of Ruth's Antiques
10. Ruth's Antiques, 601 A East Holme
11. Lyle Fisher, two miles east and two miles north, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon
12. Callaway/Lowry, six miles east of Norton, Junction of US 36 and Hwy. 383
13. Katrina Burke, two miles east and 2.5 miles south, west side of road
14. Georgia Mosier, 408 East Holme, beside Rotary Information Center
15. Mann and Voss, 411 North

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16. Darrel Beins, 610 North Jones
  17. Barbara Porter, 415 North Grant
  18. Kristi Kelley, 328 North Lincoln
  19. Chapel on the Hill, 309 State Street
  20. Norton Flowers, Gifts and Greenhouse, 1209 North Kansas, Friday and Saturday
  21. Twice Sold Treasurers, 105 South State, Friday and Saturday
  22. Amy's Fashions, 118 South Kansas
  23. Rod Strickland, 406 West Pearl
  24. Wiltfong Corner, US 36 and Second Street
- Residents in Oberlin, Norcatour and Phillipsburg are also participating in this three-day event that stretches from the Colorado border to the Missouri line.



Hays Medical Center  
**WELCOMES**  
**Adeel Pervez, M.D.**  
to Pulmonology Associates of Hays

Dr. Pervez completed his Internal Medicine Residency and Critical Care Medicine Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Dr. Pervez has also completed a fellowship in Pulmonary Medicine at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Dr. Pervez is board certified in Internal Medicine. Dr. Pervez is accepting appointments for pulmonary and sleep disorder patients beginning September 11th at Pulmonology Associates of Hays.

Please welcome Dr. Pervez and his family to Hays!  
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