

Norton band another reason to be proud

We are not always aware of the good things that take place that sets us apart from other communities. So, three cheers for the Norton Community High School band for a gesture accorded the Hill City football fans at the Norton homecoming football game. What they had done prompted the following comments from Hill City High School's principal in his column in *The Hill City Times*.

Principal Bill Goodwin wrote, in part: "During halftime of the Norton football game, the Norton marching band displayed a bit of class by turning to the visitors' stands, re-forming into an 'H' and a 'C' and playing the Hill City fight song, (which, according to the announcer, is also the Fort Hays State fight song, which is also the fight song of Northwestern University...) After their performance, our gracious fans applauded with gusto. Later, two members of the Norton band came into the visitors' stands, waved their hands to get our attention, and then told us: 'Thank you for clapping. The band really appreciated it!'"

"Moments like this...remind me that there is hope. Help me and everyone at HCHS to teach our wonderful kids just how much it means when they show some appreciation."

Our great football team was not the only winner that night. So was our band, thanks to Mr. David Will, the talented director who has worked very hard to give Norton a topnotch program, and the group of musicians always anxious to share their talents.

We would be remiss if we did not tip our hat to Principal Goodwin for mentioning our band's gesture in his column, which in itself was a much broader look at appreciation.

And what our band did was still another reason to proclaim, loud and clear, "Proud to be a Blue Jay!"

—Tom Dreiling

Thumbs Up to . . .

√**Ila Virgil and Darrell Skrdlant**, who combined e-mail aerial photos and an envelope of dried leaves to send a dose of Kansas color and foliage to a homesick Misourian! (e-mail Liza D.)

√**The Norton County Arts Council and the Norton School District**, for bringing the Chinese Acrobats to the Norton community. A "big city" quality show presented right here. "Great!" (A composite of three e-mails on this subject)

√**Sady Keilig**, 7th week winner of *The Telegram's* Pigskin Pick-Em contest.

√**Hank and Sally Austerman**, on your 60th wedding anniversary. (e-mail)

√**Norton Community High School Band** (see editorial this page).

√**Skylar Harris**, 6th week winner of *The Telegram's* Pigskin Pick-Em contest.

√**Big Brothers Big Sisters**, on the grant received, enabling you to expand your worthwhile cause.

√**Carol and John New, Gerald Jackson, John Shirley, Bob and Bonnie Rapp and Judy Menges**, for your demonstrated interest in beautifying the main street in Norcatour.

(To submit a name or names for this weekly salute, simply e-mail tom@nwkansas.com, call either 877-3361 or 877-6908, fax 877-3732, drop a note to 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654, or drop by the office. If you want your name used, please let us know, otherwise these salutes remain anonymous. Thanks for your participation!)

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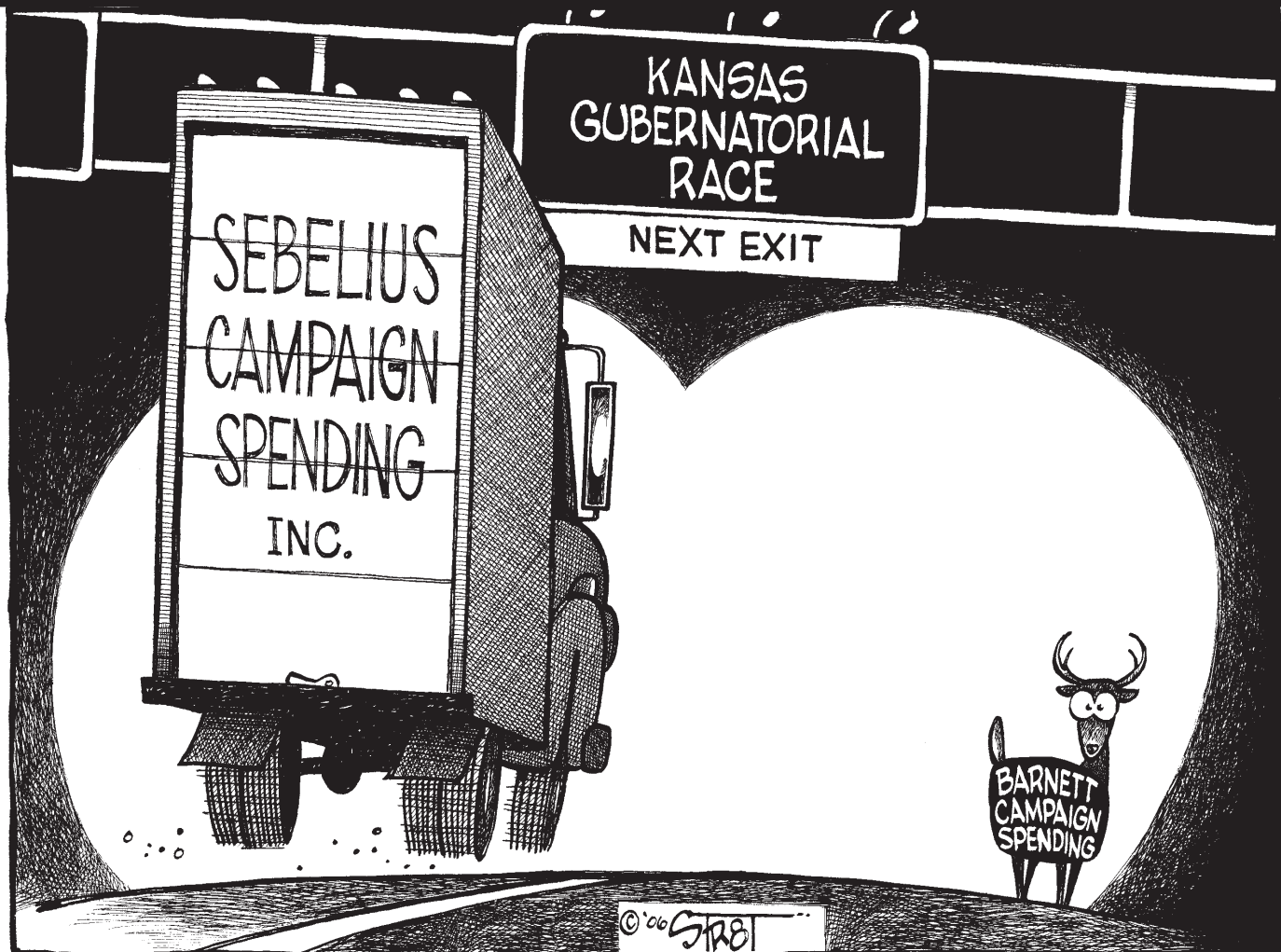
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Author truly appreciative of support

Ward Foley was in the office Tuesday afternoon and was really appreciative of the turnout for his book signing Sunday afternoon at the library. His book is titled, "Thank My Lucky Scars." *The Telegram* has purchased a number of books from Ward and they are on sale at our office. He has signed the copies. They will make mighty fine Christmas gifts for family and friends. Keep that in mind.

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The war of political signs continues at the corner of Politics Ave. and Hot Air Dr. (East Washington-S. Wabash), across the street south of the Catholic Church here in Norton. It does my heart good to see that kind of political involvement every time I drive by those two homes, which I do daily. While the leaves are falling from the trees and the grass is beginning to lose its greenish tone, the signs of the times — election — are alive and well. Thumbs Up to those two homeowners for allowing "Politics 101" to play out in their front yards.

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The Phil Kline (R)-Paul Morrison (D) attorney general's race is something else, so they tell me. Apparently the focus is, as usual, on the metro areas of the state — where they say the "votes" are. Stupid they are, because the "votes" are also out here and if that race is as tight as we are led to believe it is, it could be decided at some voting location in northwest Kansas. Kline, as you know, is the incumbent and Morrison bills himself as a really tough prosecutor. The really real prosecutors are those who show up at the polls on election day, Nov. 7, and argue their case

Good Evening Norton

Tom Dreiling



with marks on a ballot!

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If you are not registered to vote, you have until 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23 to do so. Registration sites are: the Norton City Office, Almena City Office, Lenora City Office and Library, and the Norton County Clerk's Office. Questions as to your status as a registered voter, can be directed to the county election officer at 877-5710. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 7.

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Talk about strange people, John Mark Karr has to be atop the list. The guy who wanted the world to believe he was there when JonBenet Ramsey was "accidentally" killed, appeared on two television networks Monday. What a contrast. His first appearance was on CNN's "Larry King Live" and that was followed the very next hour by FOX News' "On the Record" with Gretta VanSusteren.

On Larry's show Karr wouldn't shut up, although he never really said anything. On Gretta's show, he barely talked, his attorney did most of that, and Gretta was growing impatient with the lawyer. His attorney apparently wasn't with him on Larry's frustrating hour.

All both shows were able to do was re-

inforce the fact that this guy is a real wacko. Apparently he also gave an interview to still another party and that was to be aired on NBC. His attorney was trying to sell Gretta on the fact that Karr was given booze before that interview so he would talk freely and wouldn't fully understand that it was to be telecast. She wasn't buying that.

He probably said some things in that NBC interview that made his attorney nervous so they had to come up with some explanation.

Karr says he's free, he can go anywhere he wants and kept insisting he was not found guilty of anything. I'm not so sure society is better off with him and his confused state of mind roaming at will.

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I can remember baseball announcer Harry Carey saying, whenever something really big was taking place on the field of play, "Holy cow!" Maybe House Speaker Dennis Hastert should have employed his own version, "Holy Foley!"

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I was less than impressed with the Nevada U.S. Senate debate. One of the candidates is Jack Carter, son of former President Jimmy Carter. He looks a lot like his dad except at no time during the debate did he ever smile, which was the president's trademark.

I don't think his chances are good of beating the Republican incumbent, who, I thought, wasn't much to write home about, either.

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Have a good weekend. And remember the six-letter word as you make your plans.

Now toilet paper becomes an issue

Remember when life was simple? When you bought toilet paper in 4-roll packs and a roll lasted a week.

Regular rolls are now so small you have to change them daily. As every mother knows, it is the law that only mothers can change the toilet paper. (I don't know who enforces this law but the penalty must be dire because no one in this house has ever risked suffering the consequences!)

The situation is becoming so dire people with multiple bathrooms and large families are probably going to have to hire illegal immigrants just to take care of this little chore. It seems to be the kind of job no one else will do!

Shopping for TP requires an accountancy degree. There are 4-roll packs, 6-roll packs, 8-roll packs, etc. Different brands have different numbers of sheets in a roll. In fact, each brand has a different number of sheets depending on the pack.

There are double rolls and triple rolls. But, are they really double or triple rolls? Double or triple what? Unless you have a calculator with you it is impossible to figure it out.

Do we want single ply, double ply, or triple ply? Aloe? And which is cheaper? After staring at the display for 30 minutes

or so I find myself past caring. I just want something softer than the Sears catalog! And I want to vacate the area before they call security, because anyone who spends that much time in the toilet paper aisle is either planning a heist or has a weird fixation and needs a psychiatric evaluation.

Just when you think you have it figured out they change the packaging or you are in a different store that doesn't have what you were sure was the best deal last week.

A while back it was pointed out to me that the actual cardboard roll also has to be considered. It seems the diameter of the cardboard is getting larger. This way even though the roll looks bigger, there are fewer sheets.

Also the larger rolls may not fit on your TP holder. (A conspiracy to force us to buy new ones, I suppose!) Though it works out okay for the family members

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Nancy Hagman



who were never going to put a roll on the holder anyway; no matter what the circumstances!

The other night Jay Leno said they are starting to make toilet paper three tenths of an inch narrower. Now that is sneaky! I compared the latest rolls I bought to some old ones and sure enough: they are narrower. The thing is the difference in the proportion makes the rolls look fatter, which is why I purchased that pack over the others!

Years ago I worked in a grocery store for a while. I remember a couple who special ordered a case of toilet paper. We had a lot of fun speculating on what was going on to require such a purchase. They didn't live far from town and it was spring so it was not likely they would get snowed in or something. Was it their diet? An elderly couple, we wondered if their toilet paper supply might out last them. Well, they could leave it to the kids in the will!

Nowadays we buy 24 or 30 rolls at a time and no one blinks. Personally I just wish someone would leave me some or at least do the shopping so I don't have to think about it.

Give me the simple life!

Indoor plumbing was a great improvement but since then it seems we've just been flushed!

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