



Letters from:  
Davis  
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Durham

### Need information on soldier

I am searching for the family of one of your native sons that was lost in the Korean War. At this time the government has no family contact. When the soldier entered service he gave Norton County, Kansas as his home of record. He is credited to Norton County.

Soldier: LAWRENCE HAROLD WILLIAMS  
Born: December 8, 1928  
Date of loss: August 16, 1951

Unit: A Co 728th Military Police Btn, 8th Army

When the Korean War ended the enemy never returned or accounted for over 8,000 of our servicemen. They died in their hands. That was over 50 years ago. Since that time DNA has been perfected and also they are recovering remains in North Korea. Our government is obligated to return those remains to the proper family. DNA samples have been obtained from most of the families of these missing soldiers.

For various reasons some families have not been located. There are 12 families from Kansas that have not been located. There is one family from Norton County that has not been located.

When the remains are recovered and identified they will be returned to the family for proper burial. I am just an old (78 years) Combat Veteran out of the Korean War and thankful that I did return. I consider this a very noble cause and I hope that you can help in some way to find this family. For more information on the project you may go to <http://www.jpac.pacom.mil/>. My part in the program is to match up the lost families with the proper agency.

I will be grateful for any assistance in locating this family.

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(You may use my name, phone number and email as a point of contact. Harold Davis)

### No coach Durham this year

I know there will probably be another letter to the editor on this subject, but I feel that the welcoming, never be a stranger, attitude that I've felt since I've moved to Norton isn't extended to all. I'm speaking about Coach Durham and the message he was given in regards to baseball. He was told that some parents would not let their boys play baseball if he continued to coach.

I've watched the struggling team gain some cohesiveness over the past four years as he's coached and groomed the young men who came out. He found a place for each one to belong in the outfield and helped them build their self-esteem.

And of course, there's always the men who are needed at home during harvest or other sorts of work and Coach Durham called each and every available man to say that there was a game today, we need you.

Somehow, enough showed up to field the game and maybe have one or two sitting on the bench as replacements. Did you know that Coach Durham would fill our car up with players in order to get to the out-of-town games? Did you know that Coach Durham has paid to put gas in the men's cars that drove and he didn't get reimbursed?

Did you know that some players would not bring money in order to eat out after the games were over (this is after the out-of-town games) and we paid for the meals? We did get some reimbursement from the families for this.

I was there for most of the games each year. I saw a fair coach giving advice and guidance to these men and from these experiences, there have been a few who took their stats to college in order to make the team there.

Now, I ask: was it a well thought out request made to Coach Durham to not coach? The reason I ask is that they have held a few practices to date for this summer and he has booked some 14 to 20 games to be played. At each of the practices held, there have been three or four men to show up. Will there even be a team?

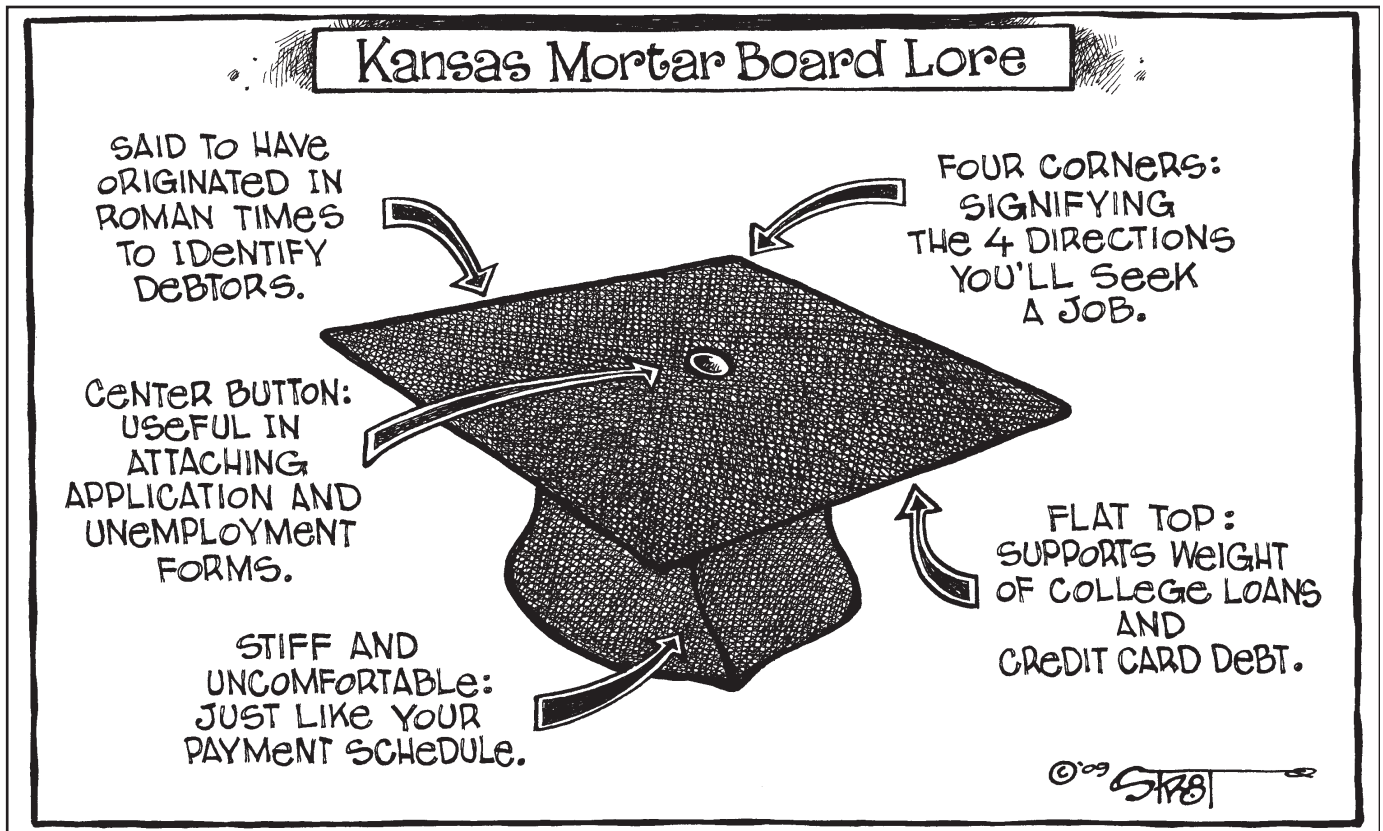
Coach Durham is not coaching this year, he has heeded their request not to coach but yet, the men aren't out there to practice.

I feel that a team that has grown under any coach is something to brag on. I don't mean personally but as a town, we have bragging rights to a team that placed well in any sort of weather and personal conflicts. The American Legion has supported this team and is proud of their efforts as well. I write this letter in hopes that more men will report for practice and games that have been scheduled. Never mind that Coach Durham nor myself understand that someone would ask him to step down as a coach.

I really don't feel at this time that that's what has prompted me to write.

I'd like to see the eligible men come out and keep making Norton proud of the American Legion baseball team.

Sarah Durham  
Norton



### Good TV appearance for 'Sen.' Moran

If you didn't watch C-Span Wednesday morning, you missed watching and listening to a man who greatly impacts us all. He is Jerry Moran, our First District Representative in the U.S. House of Representatives, who was on the program called *Washington Journal*. He did a super job for nearly 40 minutes. He answered the many questions called in by Democrats, Republicans and Independents, and didn't shy from any of them.

He's a level headed sort of guy and takes everything in stride. Once you meet him, he'll always remember that first hand shake — a shake that ushers in a friendship, a lasting kind of friendship.

I've known and admired Jerry for a lot of years. He served us very well on the state level and repeated that success when he climbed onto the national scene as our First District representative. And now, without hesitation, I see him serving equally as well as a member of the United States Senate. Jerry is seeking the seat being vacated by Sen. Sam Brownback in next year's election.

I know Jerry Moran as the guy who visits each of his 69 First District counties at least once a year, it may be twice, but the point here is that he takes the time to travel the nation's largest district to learn what is on the minds of those who put so much stock in his leadership. I've often thought Jerry Moran operates on Duracel batteries — the kind that keep him hopping.

An untold number of Democrats in the First District also view Jerry Moran as *their* man on Capitol Hill. He's earned that kind of recognition; he doesn't look at each hand he shakes to see if it carries a tattoo of an elephant. He pretty much has what the national Republican party doesn't have — an expansive tent designed to cover the masses. I am also sure he recruited some new supporters among those who watched him on national television Wednesday morning.

There will be people out there who will say to themselves after reading this, "This sure sounds like an endorsement for Mr. Moran's U.S. Senate bid." I

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would simply reply that endorsing Jerry is a no-brainer.

**Miss California** gets to keep her title. Donald Trump said so. And he controls the Miss USA pageant. Now FOX, MSNBC and CNN can get back to the serious issues confronting our nation. Funny, or stupid, how the cable newsless channels can allow someone like Miss California to derail our focus. Shame on them. I've pretty much dumped the cable bunch, and my head is now a lot clearer. I'm no longer letting someone else tell me how to think. There are so many good things to watch on the tube and I am finding more and more as my tv watching schedule allows. I suggest you do the same thing. I fill my news appetite with the old standbys who are head and shoulder above the cable mess — ABC, NBC and CBS.

**Congratulations** to all of the graduates in our expanding circulation area! Pat yourselves on the back. Go forward with the same enthusiasm that brought you to the stage to receive your high school diploma.

**At one point** during a game, the coach called one of his 9-year-old baseball players aside and asked, "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?" The little boy nodded in the affirmative.

"Do you understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes.

"So," the coach continued, "I'm sure you know, when an out is called, you shouldn't argue, curse, attack the umpire, or call him a jerk. Do you understand all that?" The little boy nodded again.

He continued, "And when I take you

out of the game so another boy gets a chance to play, it's not good sportsmanship to call your coach a stupid idiot!" Again, the little boy nodded.

"Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain all that to your grandma!"

**I watched** the White House Correspondents Dinner on C-Span this past week. It looked more like what we see when we view the annual Oscar Awards. The ladies were dressed in their finest, all stopping to let the television cameras project what they see to everyone in the country. There were as many Hollywood stars on hand as there were correspondents. The reported attendance was 3,000. Each year — and this is an annual event put on by the White House since the late 1800s — a comedian is featured to sort of put a lighter side on the evening's events. This year's was Wanda Sykes. The evening would have been best served if she wasn't on the program. Why these people — comedians — feel a need to, at this dinner especially, hit below the belt and demean someone or some people escapes me. And Sykes was right at the top in that category. Some of her blows received almost silent response. Watching the president's guarded reception to her ongoing dialogue told a story of disapproval.

**Now the feel good crowd** is talking about "Triad Marriages." That's when you and your intended invite another person — a friend, perhaps — to join your union. So the minister turns to the lady and says, "Do you take this man... and this man, to be your loyal and loving spouse(s)?" Pinch me, it's got to be a bad dream.

**And today's funniest classified ad:** Free Puppies! Mother, AKC German Shepherd. Father, super dog, able to leap fences in a single bound.

**Have a good evening!** And while in church this weekend, focus on what's happening there, not on what you read in this column.

### What this child needs now is prayer

I had started an article on Elizabeth Edwards and her upcoming book. I was focusing not on the challenges she has faced throughout her life, but rather the use of the media and technology both during a campaign and now post campaign. But then something happened which seemed to trivialize the book and I think even Elizabeth Edwards would agree.

I received an email asking for prayers for a gravely ill child, a granddaughter of a woman I know in Oregon. The eight year old seemingly had the flu, but her condition worsened rapidly following a seizure and she is gravely ill. The serious viral infection has aggressively attacked her body and has resulted in

Phase II  
Mary Kay Woodyard



multiple organ failure including the liver and she now needs a liver transplant.

Miraculously she was accepted into the Seattle Children's Hospital's transplant program. She survived the flight, but now it is a waiting game. Her drug induced coma is designed to help her little body muster the strength to heal.

For all the negative issues of the media and technology it is definitely the ultimate in a prayer chain. The prayer request sent to me went to many and is only one email of many being sent. If you believe in the power of prayer, which I do, one can almost feel God's strength being channeled to this child.

I haven't read Elizabeth Edwards' book and I remain lukewarm about tell all books, but I cannot fault media or technology. As with everything there is a good side and a bad side and it is our responsibility to use it to the good. Please join us in prayer and I will give you updates.

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