Letters To The Editor

The Readers Write

Our readers have provided the Letters to the Editor column with a wide variety of views this week. We have suspended the rules concerning length in order that Ernest Burnette can explain the full story of the Madison High School Boosters Club.

editor dealing with subjects of interest to our readers. In order to qualify for publication, letters should be no longer than 1,000 words and contain no libelous statements. Third-party letters will not be considered. All letters must be signed and include a telephone number for our verification procedure.

The News Record welcomes letters to the

Madison Booster Club Needs Support Of Community

To the editor:

teachers, coaches, merchants, School. We have been very they participate in. Although

needs help.

Club are President, Ernest Burnette, Vice President, Treasurer, Bobby Capps. Other members of the Club make up committees responsible for different phases of the Club's activities

As a means of raising This will enable us to have a tremendous amount of work A few months ago, a group money to accomplish the goals tax-exempt number and we left to do. The football proof Madison County residents of the Club, memberships are will furnish receipts to anyone gram is in desperate need of formed a Madison High School being taken; a "Poor Man's making a donation, whether new uniforms and equipment Booster's Club to help the Supper" was held; items were the donation is money, equip- and this will be the next underyoung people and various pro- sold during games at the ment, etc. These receipts can taking by the Club. grams at Madison High. This school, and a dance was held then be used for income tax The Booster's Club sinceregroup consists of parents, at Mars Hill Elementary purposes and others who are interested pleased with the results of has raised a total of \$4,058.95 ly, that support is not enough.

the Booster's Club set the will include a softball tourna- \$617.14; boys' basketball meetings every Monday night athletic programs as first ment to be held the week of uniforms totalling \$999.74; at 7:30 p.m. at the school. We priority, as money and time April 16 through April 21 at the boys' track uniforms - need more people to join (\$5.00 permit, the Club will support Crooked Street Athletic Field \$1,462.28; girls' and boys' soft- per membership). But most of any program at the school that in Mars Hill; a benefit gospel ball and baseball uniforms - all, we need the people of

High School on May 13, and if purchased. Part of these items success. Please help the time will permit before the have been paid for and the Booster's Club help our young Judy Gahagan, and Secretary- end of the school year, we will fund-raising projects mention- people and our school. hold two or three more ed above will enable us to pay Let's work together for our dances. The Booster's Club is Booster's Club has ac-

presently having papers writ- complished a great deal since Booster's Club ten to become incorporated. it was organized, there is a Ernest Burnette

ly appreciates the support it To date, the Booster's Club has received, but unfortunatein these young people and the these events and we ap- to help the athletic programs We need more people to take school-sponsored programs preciate everyone's support. at Madison High. Girls' an interest in the Club. Club Future fund-raising events basketball uniforms totalling members need to attend the singing featuring the \$2,270.40; and equipment Madison County to work Officers of the Booster's Primitive Quartet, at Madison totalling \$200.00 have all been together and make this Club a

for the rest. Although the young people!

The Madison High School

Heard And Seen

By POP STORY

MUCH-NEEDED IMPROVEMENT

Ever since the new asphalt surface was put on Main Street in Marshall, it is useless to try to keep the windows clean in front of the Story Printing Co. and the French Broad Chevrolet dealership.

In putting down the asphalt, workers left "dips" along the side of the street which results in pools of water accumulating every time it rains. Cars going down the street splash water on the windows and also on any poor person who happens to be walking down the sidwalk.

On top of the uneven street surface, the drain opening which is supposed to alleviate water buildup is about an inch higher than the street and very little surface water ever enters the opening.

When speaking about the face-lift project to improve the downtown area, let's hope the situation which exists along this area will get top priority.

Another vital improvement that is needed is at the entrance of the parking lot adjacent to the ASCS Building where a standing pool of water forms after each rainfall.

A warning to pedestrians walking along the side of Main Street, walk on the other side of the street or risk being splattered.

WAITING FOR THE TRAIN TO BE LATE

Everett Barnett, a regular reader and of late a contributor to this column, says many people have told him they enjoy his squibs. The following is another joke he brought in last weekend:

"Farmer Corntossle was seeing a movie for the first time. He sat through the feature without displaying much interest, and then the comedy flickered on. Acroos the screen dashed a bevy of beautiful women. The ladies in the film crossed a railroad track to a swimming hole where they began to disrobe before taking a plunge.

"They had taken off their shoes, stockings and waist skirts when a passing train sped across the screen and blocked the view. When it had passed, the girls were frolicking in the water. Farmer Corntossle sat through the show again and again.

"After he had seen the comedy four times, an usher tapped him on the shoulder and asked, 'Are you ever going home?' The farmer answered, 'Oh, I reckon noy yet fer awhile. One of these times, that darn freight train's going to be late."

Know Comment

Krause Calls O'Brien Editorial "Unfair"

To the editor:

To the editor:

trouble and was not hanging find that the O'Briens are ac- to focus. One such issue is the

Thank you for the nice arti-

of the residents and business

I would like to point out that

project are alive and well!

valid purpose. He probabby Cub Scouting programs. They a school founded on Christian Your editorial about Mike shouldn't have said certain are an asset to the communi- ideals, to sponsor a film O'Brien was extremely unfair. things but it is always easy to ty. He has been through enough find fault in a pressure situa- If you have the best interest predominately R rated and has been cleared of all tion. Your criticism should be of Mars Hill College in mind, movies charges. It was an unfortunate more restrained and based which I assume was the pursituation last December but he upon more investigation of a pose of the editorial, there are at least was not looking for person's character. You would other more constructive areas

around the college without any tive in boys' basketball and propriety of Mars Hill College, festival last month with

> Yours truly, Edward B. Krause Mars Hill, NC



that he is, man seems destined terests of the whole country. to proteins within himself and to confrontation with his fellows. This becomes painfully so every four years.

Contrary to what I usually write, this is a political column; however, it is not partisan, nor can it reasonably be interpreted as such. It is just a little common sense in an election year in which that commodity is in short supply.

Being the political animal or she should serve the best in- generated no trace of guilt would have tolerated the whatsoever. Instead, I can conscientiously wish that the What we need to know is people in Washington were as that our national ills are careful with what I send them nation-wide, and they will not be cured by hurting the nation

keep! That could very well be the for the benefit of a district or great American prayer. Something is really bad National defense is no rawrong when we cannot learn

tional issue because all freedom from religion. as a nation what we all know American-in and out of officeas individuals: We cannot forever spend more than we

violation of that Amendment. Expelling God from our public schools is no rational issue. Our Supreme Court as I have to be with what I never tried to do it, nor could have done it if it had tried.

By JOSEPH GODWIN

Some people learn slowlyothers, never-that freedom of religion is impossible without

Prayer in our public schools know that our defense is not is not a religious issue nor a optional. The issue is which is moral issue. It is, however, a better-international confron- nasty political issue fired by

I am not acting alone, but and I appreciate this oppor- on the project. Special thanks merely giving my time to tunity to serve my communi- to the following people who

To behave with dignity is nothing less than to allow others freely to be themselves. - Sol Chaneles

Kingston's Not Working Alone what is a very popular idea. ty. Not only is the enthusiasm A few "thank yous" are in gave their valuable time to the high amongst the merchants, order. First, I wish to thank survey: Doug Dodson, Roy cle on Town Lift. I think the but the overall scope of the the people that did the initial Reeves, Marion Wallin,

petition shows that the hopes project will bring many work on the project last year. I George Penland, Ruth groups within the community also wish to thank the town Gregory, Gary Lee Davis, and owners of Marshall for the together to work for the com- planning board members, the alderman Sammy Lunsford. mon good of everyone in town. Merchant's Association and I am proud to live in Marshall, everyone else who has worked

Sincerely, **Richard Kingston**

make a difference in the socie-

Sincerely,

Barbara S. Perry

for Lt. Governor

Republican Candidate

ty we leave to our children.



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Candidates Vows **Pornography Crackdown**

To the editor:

A number of citizens from pornography violations. your community attended "A It is time the leaders of Conference on Obscenity" at Lenoir Rhyne College in eliminate pornography. As Lt. Hickory on April 2 and 3 spon-Governor, I would use my sored by the Unifour Citizens legal and former judicial exfor Decency of Catawba, Alexperience to petition the ander, Burke and Caldwell counties. The citizens were informed, as I have emphasized in my campaign for Lt. Goverpornography statues. nor, that the pornography industry in North Caorlina is a state must declare "war" on plaque to our entire society. pornography and use all The problem is not isolated to available resources to New York or California, but is eliminate it from North here in North Carolina. This is Carolina. I pray all North illustrated by the fact that our Carolinians concerned about state has the largest number this plaque on our society will of sex outlets per capita naexpress that concern through tionwide, a large percentage the electorial process. Your of which are controlled by silence is the "smut" organized crime. purveyor's best friend. Only your active involvement will

These "smut" purveyors have been attracted to our state because they have no fear of prosecution. The present criminal pornography statute, NCGS §14-190 with its adversary hearing, has handcuffed our law enforcement

Litterers Are Trash

thwhile project. We have a lot of good people

Dear Editor: My subject for the past ten ears has been trash litterers. in Hot Springs that keep their property clean and nice. Thanks to them. am sending along a clipping from a recent letter to the editor of the Asheville paper. The letter-writer has it right I was traveling down in Georgia last week and I saw their signs said, "\$300 to Litter when he concludes, "Litterers Are Trash."

We have people in Hot Spr-ings that will laugh in your face if you ask them to clean up around their own property. My wife, Ada, is on the Hot pproach was helping. Between Marshall and Hot Springs, people are throwning trash bags and garbage down Springs Community Clean-Up this week and I wish her and the banks and in the road. I

the others well in this worbelieve that a few stiff fines would slow this down.

many years. I regret that, and about it. agencies from prosecuting the situation should be cor-

this column.

Legislature for repeal of the ditures - in the other fellow's we pay as taxes. adversary hearing and district. Of course, each one is

strengthening of the anti- elected by a limited segment We as citizens of this great but he or she is a United States

Representative. Therefore, he said legally!) keep. This

All of our elected officials in In North Carolina to this Washington, Senators and point, we have seen the most Representatives. know this; shabby, insipid, and asinine but very few of them have campaign for the United demonstrated enough States Senate I have noticed in statemanship to do anything

state

take in.

The solution is not an eitherrected long before November. or difficulty: either cut spen-Yet, that campaign is pro- ding, or increase taxes. Bet-North Carolina took a stand to bably the motivation behind ween these two options lies intelligence long buried in All members of the U.S. bureaucratic bungling:

House want to cut expen- responsable use of the money

A few days age, I survived the frustrating experience of of voters in a single district, filling out our income tax returns. In doing so, I kept every cent I could legally (I

tation with force of arms and atheistic and legalistic bigotry planetary destruction, or in- on one side and self-righteous, ternational cooperation and judgmental bigotry on the the power of peace? other. The thwarting of com- The losers in this tug-of-war

munism in our hemisphere is are our children who would no rational issue, but the man- much prefer to spend their ner in which it is done is the time being human on the path by economic opportunity?

issue. Again, the issue is to human maturity than to be which is better: ?????????? premature angels at the themselves.

and state is not a rational sickening to see politicians exissue when seen in the context ercising themselves for the of what out founding fathers headlines and television intended. That was settled by cameras when the rewards the First Amendment, and no are much richer and the path justice who ever sat on the far less crowded in the field of United States Supreme Court statesmanship,

of arms, or minds enlightened behest of those who have not by truth and stomachs filled yet attained that status The separation of church It is both saddening and

Living And Growing

By CARL MUMPOWER

M.S.W. or another lose that our mistakes and better kinds of intense feelings. something. Maybe that understand why we lost them. something rejects us, or Other times we react by imchooses to focus their attention on someone else. Maybe ing to replace the person we that something dies or moves love. Seldom with good cumstances, it still hurts. things to avoid the hurt, never could thus have avoided that badge of courage. For we, hurt. In doing so, we fail to unlike many others, have been truly love another is what person. We've opened makes being human such a ourselves to the possibility of meaningful thing. We fail to an intimate relationship,

mediately going out and tryaway. Whatever the cir- results. We do all sorts of lessons about living. Often it hurts to the point we realizing that the hurt we are that we are feeling beings and love rejected, don't throw the wish we had never loved and feeling is in many ways a not robots. Sometimes, as in idea of loving out as a bad one. their signs said, "sole to tatter the Highways." I noticed in recognize that having the op-portunity to love someone, for Days." They told me that this however short a time, is rare the position of truly caring about mother because we cepted. In any race there is no is for the position of truly caring about mother because we cepted. In any race there is no is for the position of truly caring about mother because we cepted. In any race there is no is for the position of truly caring about mother because we cepted. In any race there is no is for the position of truly caring about mother because we cepted. In any race there is no is for the position of truly caring about mother because we cepted. In any race there is no is for the position of truly caring about mother because we cepted. In any race there is no is for the position of truly caring about mother because we cepted. In any race there is no is for the position of truly caring the position of truly caring about mother because we cepted. In any race there is no is for the position of truly caring the position of trul

times we get obsessive over have them or couldn't function event. Loving another person the person we've lost. We alone, but because we wanted is much the same. You will, It's painful. It hurts to love think and rethink the time we that kind of closeness. We for however short a time, have something and for one reason spent with them, trying to find wanted to experience those the opportunity to feel your love, but there's no guarantee of permanence.

> We all get hurt to some extent when we love, but hurt is not always a bad thing. off love because it involves a Sometimes it teaches us Sometimes it helps us realize. this case, our hurt is a confir- You've had a brief opportunity mation of strength. It takes a to feel and care and explo certain emotional toughness your humanness in a way that to be willing to risk loving and all too few of us do. So thus risk hurting.

and special. There are lots of reactions to losing something we love. Anger is usually one of the first. Sometimes it shows in our desire to hurt that person ling they have hurt us. Many about another because we chose to. If we've done it right, we've minimized our own our desire to hurt that person ling they have hurt us. Many about another because we chose to. If we've done it right, we've minimized our own our desire to hurt that person ling they have hurt us. Many about another because we chose to. If we've done it right, we've minimized our own our desire to hurt that person ling they have hurt us. Many about another because we because we have had to chose to. If we've done it right, guarantee of winning, in fact only a few do. The only guarantee is that you will have some opportunity to ex-having that hand, like having perlence the intensity of the honor enough ...

My point is this, don't write risk of being hurt. Anything of value has that same risk attached. If you do have your once said that it is better to Too often, we seek have loved and lost than to guarantees that our love will have never loved at all. It's

realize that the capacity to willing to risk loving another

