

WEDDING



MRS. MICHAEL GENE KINMON
(Christy Darlene Walker)

Walker-Kinmon

Christy Darlene Walker and Michael Gene Kinmon exchanged marriage vows Saturday, May 8 at Christian Freedom Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

Rev. Michael Chambers officiated the 3 p.m. ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Patsy Walker of Kings Mountain. She is the granddaughter of Jonas and Geraldine Hayes and Leo and Frances Walker, all of Kings Mountain. She is a graduate of Manna Christian School and Cleveland Community College. She is co-owner of The Heartfelt Music Group and is employed by WKMT Radio in Kings Mountain.

The bridegroom is the son of Gene and Wanda Kinmon of Shelby and Joy and Steve Braswell of Independence, VA. He is the grandson of Dorothy Kinmon and Robert and Frances Cribbs, all of Shelby, and Gaynelle Payne of Mt. Holly. He is a graduate of Manna Christian School and is employed with PPG of Shelby.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Jeff Walker. She wore a formal gown of Italian silk and satin with a square neckline and fitted bodice all sequenced in pearls. The full-length train was also covered with white pearls. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses.

Vocalists were Nikki Bliss Leslie Bliss, Shawn Dejournette, Michael Chambers and Christy Walker. Curt Hollifield was sound engineer.

Jeffrey Walker, brother of the bride, was the man of honor.

The bridesmaids were Chasity Hayes, Carrie Hardin, Erika Melton, Amber Nichols, all of Kings Mountain, and Patricia Vaughan of Shelby. Brooke Hayes and Brittany Hayes of Kings Mountain were the flower girls. Matt and Macey Sheppard of Kings Mountain were the miniature bride and groom. Attending the register and distributing the programs were Kristal Sansing and Kristen Evans of Shelby. Distributing the bubbles were Jason Finch and Chad Perrell of Shelby. Beth McDaniel of Kings Mountain was wedding director.

Gene Kinmon was his son's best man. Groomsmen were Daniel Nichols, Michael Lee Cribbs, Matthew Fitch and Patrick Kinmon, all of Shelby, and Chad Hayes of Kings Mountain.

A reception was given by the bride's parents in the church fellowship building following the ceremony. Assisting at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keener, Kathy Woods and Carolyn Allen, all of Shelby. A rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's parents at Satterfield's of Shelby.



CATHERINE MAIREE BRANNON
CHAD WAYNE GUY

Brannon-Guy

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Brannon of Kings Mountain announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Mairee Brannon, to Chad Wayne Guy of Kings Mountain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Guy of Gastonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and currently attends Gaston College. She will attend Carolina's College of Health Sciences in the fall.

The bridegroom-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Ashbrook High School and is employed by The Cookson Co. in Gastonia.

A June 12 wedding is planned.

Council again tables S.C. water request

City Council Monday night again tabled until the May 25 meeting the issue of extending a water line into South Carolina to serve McDonald Entertainment's new gaming business and a proposed hotel.

Mayor Scott Neisler said Grover Town Board is meeting this week to air concerns and to consider an agreement with Kings Mountain that Kings Mountain would not take any Grover water customers and Grover would continue to serve Fastfare and Wellco Truck Stop which constitutes 17 percent of the water Grover buys from Kings Mountain.

"South Carolina is aggressive in recruiting industry and we have the water, so why not sell it, the more water we sell the less it

costs to produce," said Neisler.

Councilman Gene White, calling the project "another make up as you go" project by the mayor, said Kings Mountain had not received a letter from Grover Industries outlining their participation in the project nor from the Town of Grover outlining their concerns. Grover Mayor Max Rollins and Councilman Jack Herndon were at Monday night's meeting.

White also called for a complete set of plans from consulting engineer Al Moretz, easements required and dedicated, said the city should hire a consultant to evaluate the plans submitted by Moretz Engineering to include the viability of the plans, the impact upon the city system and

possible areas of expansion. Moretz serves as engineer for several city projects but represented Grover Industries and McDonald in approaching the city with the idea. Moretz said at a recent utilities meeting that Grover Industries and McDonald will pay for total costs of the project.

"These folks contacted us and they are ready to put in the line," said Neisler who said he talked with Grover Industries official Charlie Harry earlier this week. Neisler said Grover Industries needs more water for fire protection. McDonald wants water for its gaming establishments and a new hotel projected in the area.

Neisler said the line to Grover Industries inside the city's line

would become the Grover line and a meter would be installed in an agreement with the two towns. The city lines will run down Highway 29 and won't hook onto any inside city Grover system but hook up to McDonald which is outside the Grover city limits, explained Neisler.

Neisler said the availability of water in the area would draw more industries and help Grover Industries and McDonald retain jobs.

Neisler said the new businesses are located only a half mile from Kings Mountain's water hookup but it's four miles to Blacksburg, SC.

The mayor's rationale didn't suit well with White who said he would vote against the proposal on May 25.

OPINION

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YOUR VIEW

War and peace, what does it mean?

To the editor:

Most of the policy and commentary concerning Kosovo, and NATO's policies there is misguided; this because so few understand the nature of either war or peace.

War is the violent clash of independent and irreconcilable wills. By this definition, the conflict in Kosovo is without doubt a war, albeit a limited war, a "low intensity conflict."

Two independent wills (that of the West and that of a Serb ultranationalist state) are violently clashing, and these wills are irreconcilable short of the imposition of one over another by force. That is why diplomacy has no place here: diplomacy presumes that the sides may be reconciled; war comes when it is clear that there is no middle ground.

War's essence is violence, whether limited in cool conflicts or wholesale in world wars, and its aims cannot be achieved short of violence. Thus any hopes for resolution without the death of combatants (or at least American combatants) is feckless. The decision to commit ground troops or not is a purely and wholly a military considera-

tion, and the vast majority of war aims will be unachievable with only air assets. If NATO, prodded by American, has decided to pursue a course of war, but makes purely military decisions of force selection based on a fear of casualties, then NATO will lose their way. In essence, we may be too frightened to stare at "the while elephant" because our will is too weak nationally. That Serbia's will is strong enough to countenance the effusion of blood is without doubt. Serbia will have imposed its will on the West by virtue of the credible threat of violence. In the lexicon of war, this is known as defeat. Talk of an "exit strategy," or "endgame" from members of the military, commentators and national leaders is befuddling then; exit strategy is a code word for the mitigation of defeat. What we should speak of is victory: what our aim is in this bloody game of wills, and what will best achieve it.

It is instructive to reflect on an occurrence after the Korea War. Previous to that war, the US Army's premier field manual referred to "victory" as the end of war. After Korea the word victory was expunged. Only vigorous dissent and defeat within the US military after the Vietnam War restored that

word (Col. Harry G. Summers, USA, discusses this strange military aphasia in On Strategy). I find these word games significant, for as C.S. Lewis pointed out, language is not an infallible guide, but we ignore it at our peril. Words like defeat and victory have been largely ignored in respect to the war in Kosovo, and this is disturbing, for it is only in victory that peace has any chance of flowering.

Just as the word war is misunderstood, so is the word peace. In English usage, there are two valid but disparate meanings to peace. I shall call one pax, the other shalom. The former refers to an absence of conflict, without respect to justice. Thus the Soviet Union, at her most powerful, could have been said to be in this sense peaceful while brutally repressing her people and that of client states.

The second meaning of peace presumes an enjoyment of the fruits of a just peace. Shalom peace implies the freedom to live and raise families without living in mortal fear, property rights that are not subject to gangs of men with automatic weapons, and other fruits of peace that we take for granted in our own nation.

That there will be peace of some kind in Kosovo I have no

doubt, but as to its nature I do. If the West is defeated because they fear the violent loss of young warriors' lives, then it may well be that Kosovo enjoys pax, after a suitable period of ethnic cleansing and ethnic liquidation. It would only be through victory that those in Kosovo may enjoy shalom.

W.M. Marcellino

Grover couple appreciates support

To the editor:

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Salvation Messengers gospel singers, Christy Walker, Pathway Baptist Church, Holiness Christian Mission, and the Hayes Family, all of Kings Mountain, and the Word of Life Baptist Church of Polkville, Mellon Memorial Baptist Church of Shelby, and various individuals who supported our recent mission trip to Jamaica.

Your love, prayers, and financial support were the reason so many hearts were touched, lives were changed, and souls were saved. Thank you all, and may God richly bless you.

Tom and Shirley Sees Grover

OUR OPINION

Colorado tragedy example of lack of values

The recent tragedy at a Colorado high school has once again stirred up a hornet's nest of debate and activity concerning gun control.

Lobbyists and citizens both for and against more stringent gun control laws are seeing whose voice can shout the loudest and so carry their particular message to lawmakers. Instead of a mass knee-jerk reaction to gun control, it might help



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to stop and look back at the history of firearms and the United States.

The Bill of Rights guarantees every U.S. citizen the "right to keep and bear arms." This important provision in our Constitution is not only a safeguard which allows citizens to maintain the means to defend their property, but is also inexorably linked to the American premise of freedom. For the government to take this right away, or restrict it to a point where the purchase or ownership of firearms would be so much trouble as to be punitive, would leave the other freedoms we enjoy flapping in the wind.

Guns and violence are not new things on the American scene. Our nation was forged in blood

and guns drew a lot of it. The massacre in Colorado is shocking, but not the first time that mentally unbalanced people or persons have shot others. Just a few examples of this are John Wilkes Booth, Lee Harvey Oswald, and the shootings in Texas in the 1960s when a gunman in a tower in Texas claimed many victims.

If someone wants to get a gun and shoot someone else, all the laws in the world will not stop them. Background checks before a gun purchase are O.K. by me, but this will not stop anyone from getting the type of weapon they desire. I think that the glamorization of shoot-outs and violence by the media is more of a danger to the nation than law abiding citizens pursuing their right to own a

gun. In the case of the Colorado shootings, where were the parents of the shooters while their sons were storing weapons, bombs, and Internet information on mass destruction at home?

A gun is just a machine. Just like a car, it can be used for good or evil. The government can no more control the actions of every driver any more than it can control the deeds of everyone who owns a gun. The root of the problem is in the lack of values and respect for others that is eating away at our nation, and will eventually eat away at our basic rights unless something is done to stop it.

SIDEWALK SURVEY

By ALAN HODGE
Herald/Times

Should there be a curfew for teens 16 & under, and if so, what time?

Got a question you'd like to submit to Sidewalk Survey? If so, call Alan Hodge at 739-7496. If we use your question, we'll give you the credit.



Francis Laye waitress



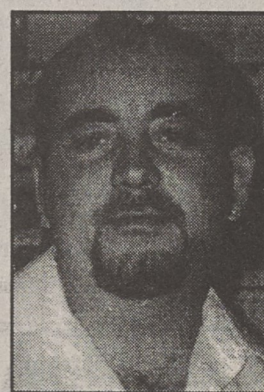
Donna Gann cook



Lindsey Bledsoe student



Cindy Davis waitress



Robert Wilson store clerk

Teens should be in by 11pm. After that time, they will get into trouble.

They should be in by 11 o'clock. It's after 11 that all the meanness goes on.

I think that teenagers should have a curfew of 11pm.

Weekdays should see teens at home by 9pm. Weekends they can stay out until 11 o'clock.

Teenagers should be in their homes by 11pm. If they are out later than that, they can get into something.