

LETTER

Reader for amendment to define marriage

I am writing to express my support for the Constitutional Amendment in the State House and Senate that would define marriage in North Carolina as a union between a man and a woman.

Homosexuality has never been considered a normal institution in this great country we live in. We should not allow one of our most honored institutions - the institution of one man and one woman - become tainted by those who wish for their lifestyle to become "mainstream" and accepted by the entire community.

In his writings, Paul makes it clear that marriage is a union between a man and a woman. I have yet to find anywhere in the Bible where God supports the idea of two men and two women joining in holy matrimony.

This country was founded on religious beliefs and the traditions of a Judeo-Christian lifestyle. We must not separate ourselves from God or those beliefs. Recognizing a union between two men and two women only separates this country more from the moral traditions of this country and from God Himself.

It's a sad time in this country's history when states have to resort to a Constitutional Amendment to protect the very traditions this country was founded upon. But that is the situation this country finds itself in today, with states like Massachusetts recognizing homosexual marriage.

North Carolina must not be the next state to recognize this unholy union. If it means passing a Constitutional Amendment to protect those traditions, then we, those who value the morals and traditions of this country, must call our legislators and tell them we want the amendment placed on the November ballot.

It takes courage to take a stand on any issue. It is rare to find two legislators willing to take a courageous stand on a controversial issue during an election year.

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Letter Policy

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Keep letters brief and to the point. Letters are subject to editing.

OPINION

PICTORIAL EDITORIAL



This is a State DOT artist's conception of what the Hawthorne Street railroad crossing would like like if it is closed. The angle is from the Battleground Avenue side of the railroad track.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Prettiest angel
Farrah Fawcette
still flying high



Andie Brymer
Staff Writer

What has Farrah Fawcette been up to lately?

After my husband mentioned having seen her on the David Letterman show, I had to know.

The feathered hair queen of the 1970s once defined style for me. As an elementary school girl desperately wanting to be pretty, I tried to make my hair into wings like Charlie's prettiest angel. The straight, fine locks would not cooperate.

When Farrah married the Bionic Man Steve Majors, I was fascinated by her new three-word name. When the super couple divorced (did he leave Farrah for the plain jane Bionic Woman) I wondered if she would keep his name.

Would she remarry and then have four names? My mom tried to explain that she gave "Majors" back at the time of the divorce but the complicated legal stuff was lost on me.

I admit the fascination with Farrah is still there. She's elevated to icon status, a permanent symbol of the roller skating, disco dancing, Starsky and Hutch crook chasing, Duke boys running from the law filled 1970s. Long may the decade live.

Okay, I'm getting carried away, but when Joey said her name my eyes lit up like he had mentioned an old friend. Using some 21st century technology, I logged onto Yahoo and entered her name. I had to find out what had become of Farrah.

She's got a movie in the works - The Cookout. Last year, Farrah starred in Hollywood Wives. She's featured on the website badfads.com. According to the site's creator, Farrah once broke Lee's jaw when she rolled over while sleeping, hitting him with her jelled, blow dried, moused mane.

You can even buy old editions of Charlie's Angels. One DVD contains five shows. The angles bust up a prostitution ring, discover a gigolo scamming rich old women, another scammer posing as a psychic, a crooked sheriff and a conspiracy involving a race car driver. The DVD has Spanish subtitles. Farrah's fame must have spread south.

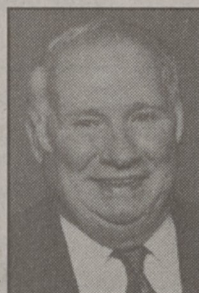
A few years ago I tried to capture the spirit of 76, going to the movies to catch the remake of Charlie's Angels. The modern day angles impressed me with their gymnastic ability to flip, climb walls and otherwise escape from the bad guys but it wasn't the same.

Back in the day, the trio was more likely to use a skateboard to get away.

My real issue with the remake was over the hair. Nothing can really surpass Farrah's do.

Just as there are tribute bands which play the music of their favorites, I've decided to dedicate myself to growing tribute hair. I'm taking a vow that scissors won't touch my tresses until there flowing down my back. After a few sessions with a stylists, I'll be cut and colored like my hero. Long may the wings fly.

Politically
correct police
at it again



Jim Heffner
Columnist

The PC (politically correct) police are at it again.

The University of Iowa has notified Bradley University that it intends to cancel all future athletic contests between the two schools until Bradley changes its name from the Bradley Braves to something less offensive.

That's just about the silliest thing I've ever heard.

If I was in charge at Bradley I'd tell the Hawkeyes to take a long walk on a short pier. How do we know Hawkeyes wasn't an American Indian tribe in the distant past. Yes, I said Indian. Before you bleeding hearts start having a hissy, I have all the respect in the world for American Indians. There are several in my family.

I hope Bradley doesn't comply with Iowa's request. The Washington Redskins, the Atlanta Braves, the Florida State Seminoles and the Cleveland Indians have all refused to be intimidated by the PC rabble.

St. John's University changed from the Redmen to the Red Storm, Marquette changed from the Warriors to the Golden Eagles and Stanford switched over from the Indians to the Cardinal. I wonder if Cardinal is a bird, a color or a bigwig in the Catholic church? That hasn't been made clear. And what in the world is a red storm?

There are probably others who have given in to the pressure, but I don't know about them, or they've slipped my alleged mind.

All colleges should maybe take a look at Auburn. They have all bases covered, They're called the Plainsmen, the Tigers or the War Eagles. I don't know which name is the preferred one, but I've heard them all used.

In a turnabout, last week, Wayne Sanders, vice chairman of the university's board of trustees, was making the commencement speech at Marquette when he surprised the crowd by announcing he and an unnamed fellow trustee would each donate one million dollars to the university if they would change the name back to the Warriors.

The PC professors in the crowd were aghast. "How could they bring shame to our school like that?"

Marquette students and alums have been fighting for the change for years to no avail.

The surprise announcement stunned the administrators on stage with Sanders, but the university did issue a statement taking neither side.

It will be interesting to see if the money is more powerful than political correctness.

I've been wondering how warriors is offensive to anyone. The Indians aren't the only ones who referred to their strongest and bravest fighters as warriors. The Vikings had warriors, and the Japanese still do.

I wouldn't mind being known as a warrior. In my case, of course, it would be pretty far from the truth.

I have always liked the Waukegan, Ill. High School nickname. Jack Benny's alma mater is known as the 39'ers.

LOOK BACK

New high school being built in '64

From the June 11, 1964 edition of the Herald:

R.H. Pinnix & Company, general contractors for the new Kings Mountain district high school, expect to break ground within a week and to have the new plant completed within a year or less. The plant, which when equipped will cost a minimum of \$1.5 million, will be built on a 73-acre site on Phifer Road. School officials anticipate occupancy for the opening of the 1965-66 school year.

Hugh Lancaster is the new president of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, succeeding Bill Allen.

Rev. Roy H. Lockridge Jr. will become pastor of El Bethel Methodist Church and Rev. Bruce Norwood will go to Northbrook Methodist Church as a result of assignments announced Sunday at the Lake Junaluska meeting of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

John H. Gamble and W.F. "Billy" Houser are serving as honorary co-chairmen of the 1964 multiple sclerosis drive. Kings Mountain's goal is \$1,000.

Ground was broken Monday for a new 12-room doctor's clinic for Hendricks-Durham Clinic at the corner of Mountain and Juniper streets.

Second baseman Mickey Bell received the John H. Moss MVP Award at the Rotary Club luncheon honoring the Mountaineer baseball team last Thursday.

Warren Goforth struck out 13 Gastonia batters Monday night as the local juniors spotted Gaston Post 23 a four-run lead, then came roaring back with four runs in the fifth, three in the sixth, and one in the eighth to post an 8-5 victory.

Ronnie Rhea's eighth inning single plated George Pittman and Roy Medlin to give the Post 155 Juniors a 2-1 win over Shelby Thursday night at City Stadium.

Rev. P.D. Patrick, former Kings Mountain minister, is a patient in a Decatur, GA hospital where he is undergoing treatment and observation. Rev. Patrick became ill while attending Davidson College commencement exercises where he received an honorary doctor of divinity degree.

SIDEWALK SURVEY

By ANDIE BRYMER
HERALD

Have the recent terror alerts affected you personally?



Not directly, no.
Gary Philbeck
Kings Mountain



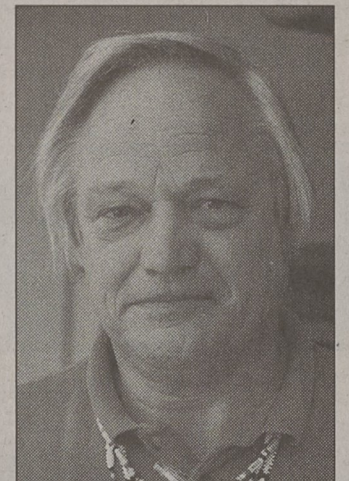
Sure. Anthrax got next to me. I've got a brother serving in Iraq. A bomb hit next door to him.
Linda Roberts
Kings Mountain



No. I'm not a big news person.
Tai Jarrell
Kings Mountain



I'm a little more leery of getting out. I look around more.
Dianne Strickland
Kings Mountain



Not me personally.
Jackie Nelson
Grover