#### You can help Samaritan's Purse help tsunami victims

To the editor:

Our God is so good to us. We are blessed with plenty of food, clothes, running water, a warm dry place to sleep, and are able to worship in a free country, praising our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Other people are not as blessed as we are. Thousands of people now left homeless, without any food, no clothes except the clothes on their back. I am talking of the disaster areas where the killer tsunami hit. It's time we as Christian brothers and sisters step up to the plate and help these people who are suffering so

Here is your chance: Samaritan's Purse is having an Easter Shoe Box collection for these people. It is just like Operation
Christmas Child. The only thing is all shoe boxes will be gathered in Boone instead of the Charlotte Operation Center due to time restraints. However, being led by the Lord we are setting up a drop off point for these shoe boxes at Macedonia Baptist Church. This will save a lot of money in mailing these to Boone.

If the Lord leads you to make a donation fee free to do this also. We will make sure all monies reach Boone. Listed below are the dates and time for you to bring your shoe boxes to the collection center:

Friday, March 18 - 5:30 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. Saturday, March 19 - 9 a.m. till 12 noon.

Thursday, March 31 - 5:30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Friday, April 1 - 5:30 p.m. till 9 p.m.

God bless all of you. Remember, these people as anything. Search your hearts and give as God leads you to. Any questions feel free to call Macedonia Baptist Church at 704 739-6811, Steve Wilson at work Monday-Friday at 704 734-4225, or after 5 p.m. at 704 739-1870.

Steve Wilson Kings Mountain

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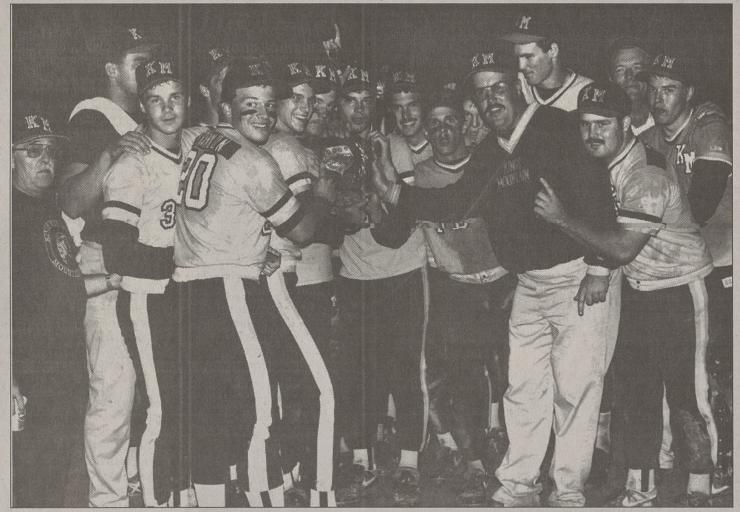
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# **OPINION**

Thursday, March 3, 2005

LOOKING BACK



**HERALD / FILE** 

**Jim Heffner** 

Columnist

Kings Mountain High baseball players and coaches celebrate after winning the state championship in June 1989. The team will be inducted into the Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame May 14 at KMHS.

**Andie Brymer** 

**Staff Writer** 

## If shoe fits, make sure it's not high heels

I should have listened to my mother but, of course, I didn't. Now I'm paying for brushing aside her advice.

A few weeks ago I bought a pair of dress shoes. They were cute, almost dainty. The two inch heels were slender and looked nice on me. I wore my footwear to work, full of pride in my appearance. I was so happy to finally be a little dressed up.

Two days after I wore the shoes it happened - the inevitable back ache. I was walking into the Lincoln County Library when the pain started. Within seconds I could hardly walk. Every step was labored. I was breathing heavy. The discomfort forced me to sit down and rest before looking up my books on the computerized card catalog. I couldn't even walk to the far end of the library

I drove home and immediately hit the bed, laid down and waited for the Aleve to kick in. I called Joey who was on an assignment. He offered to bring pizza home. I turned to Susie the cat and told her how glad I was to be married to him. She purred which in cat talk means "I'm

Friday morning came and I could walk a little faster but I still wasn't back to my old self. As I write this on Tuesday I'm still experiencing some pain and now my

If I had just listened to my mother this wouldn't be happening. Before I was born she worked in her brother's shoe store. She took seriously finding well fitting shoes for her customers.

I remember many shoe shopping trips with her. She would kneel before me and poke around the top of the shoe searching for my big toe. There had to be room between the end of the toe and the shoe. If not, the shoe was rejected. She also wanted heels on the short side. Wide, sturdy ones were preferred over the spikier variety.

As the offending shoes were purchased for a few dollars from Goodwill, I didn't feel guilty tossing them in the trash. I actually felt a sort of revenge on the footwear. Those rotten shoes could just live in the dump.

Turning from my personal problems to the international scene, I hear Charles and Camellia are getting married. Last week columnist Jim Heffner opined about how bad he thinks the future royal looks. Personally I'm glad to see someone a little more average looking than Diana in the British spotlight. My guess is that Camellia wears practical shoes.

Contact Andie Brymer at 704 739-7496 or abrymer@kingsmountainherald.com

## Tax Hike Mike at it again in the name of children

You can always tell when it's budget time in North Carolina. You'll see Mike Easley in front of the microphones telling us all where he's going to raise taxes. You'll never hear him

say where he's going to cut wasteful spending. Easley is one of those Democrats who thinks he can do anything, including confiscate money from taxpayers, as long as he invokes "The Children."

Everything, according to the governor, goes to educa-

He wants to tax tobacco, liquor, candy, television, movies and even newspapers. In other words, anything

he can think of I'm surprised he doesn't propose a tax on anger. He could make a lot of money that way, because when vot-

ers see this budget they are going to get angry. Easley wants to use a lot of the money to fight dropouts. I'd like to see him drop out, of sight that is.

I was dumbfounded when the people of North Carolina voted for Mike Easley the first time. It is incomprehensible that he got reelected.

In the dim distance, I see an Easley clone getting into position to replace the governor. His name is Roy Cooper. He's the current attorney general, and he is running hard. He will continue Easley's tax and spend policies if

elected in four years, but you must remember, it's all in the name of education. I haven't seen a breakdown of the budget requests for the state, but I have seen the federal budget requests, and

there's enough pork in that thing to supply the world with sausage for the next thousand years. There is, for example, a request for \$200,000 for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. Now there's a

dandy little item cotton farmers in Mississippi will be

glad to finance. The Women's World Cup Tournament, which I assume has something to do with soccer, could get \$1.8 million. Think about that the next time you see a soccer game. I don't recall ever seeing a women's soccer game.

The Olive Fruitfly research program is going to get just \$90,000 this year. I guess there isn't much left to learn about the Olive Fruitfly.

I know everyone in, say Kenosha, Wisconsin, will be

glad to hear that their federal government plans to send some of their tax dollars, \$500,000 to be exact, to St. Petersburg, Fla. for a bike path. Just as the people in Palatka, Fla. will be happy to hear some of their tax money, \$900,000, is going to Alaska to help with the Kincaid Park Trail Connection, whatever that is. See Heffner, 5A

### Ron Massey named KM coach in '95

From the March 2, 1995 edition of the Herald:

Ron Massey, whose Fayetteville 71st team came within one play of reaching the 4A state championship game last year, has been named head football coach at Kings Mountain High School.

The City of Kings Mountain appears to be coming out of its financial crisis and should be on good financial footing by the end of the fiscal year. Councilwoman Norma Bridges announced at Tuesday's meeting that as of January 31 the city had \$1,102.333.03 in the bank with all bills paid.

Councilwoman Norma Bridges pointed out at Tuesday night's meeting that Woodbridge Golf Links contracted with the city in 1989 to pump raw water out of Moss Lake at a flat rate of \$4,500 a year but for the past three years the city has billed the golf course for \$2,000. She and commissioner Jim Guyton said that any change of contract should have been presented to the full City Council for approval.

Kings Mountain swept R-S Central on Friday night, the girls winning 69-29 and the boys 71-68. Karen Queen led the girls with 15 points and Bryan Leftwich led the boys with

Kings Mountain wrestlers Gary Hughes and Kenny Bridges finished second in the State 3A tournament Saturday in Charlotte.

Jean Francis has been named winner of the Excellence in Teaching Award for 1994 at Cleveland Community College.

**Amy Montgomery** recently won the DARE essay contest at West Elementary School.

Joseph R. Smith was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

James Jeffery Downey was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Wake Forest University.

A draft of the long-awaited Kings Mountain land development plan, a 84page document complete with maps and recommendations, will be presented by the land use committee at a public meeting Tuesday at City Hall.

Kenny Grant won the recent geography bee at North Elementary School.

Members of First Baptist Church presented the pastor, Dr. Chip Sloan and his wife Martha, a shiny new, well-equipped riding lawn mower February 19 on the couple's seventh anniversary with the church.

#### SIDEWALK SURVEY

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER THE HERALD

What is your favorite movie and why?



The Wizard of Oz. I like the munchkins. I love Dorothy and her friends singing. I love the whole movie. Billie Brown Shelby



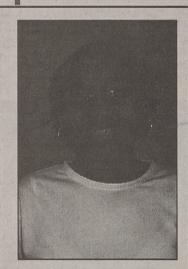
It showed his struggles in Tuqura Hart Grover



Jeremiah He played a lot of instruments and I'm in band. Megan Brown Kings Mountain



Lackawanna Blues I like it because it's real. **Jasmine Lott** Grover



Love Don't Cost A Thing Because it's funny. Danielle Gordon Kings Mountain