

# Opinions...

## Yours, Ours, Others

Quote of the week...

You cannot do a kindness too soon,  
for you never know how soon it will be too late.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

### Proofreading is a dying art



**Lib Stewart**  
Managing Editor

Typographical errors can really play havoc in a newspaper story and often when they are corrected they turn out worse.

Back before spellcheck on computers, proofreaders read every line in every story and we still try to do that at The Herald. But we all make mistakes.

Headlines are really killers because there are a limited number of words that can fit in a headline.

Cleaning off my copy hook this week I found a copy of the following headlines which came to my brother, longtime Herald editor and currently sports editor, passed along by our former minister, Rev. Alan Sinclair. These headlines actually were printed in some publication, not ours, thank goodness.

Man Kills Self before Shooting Wife and Daughter (It took two readings before that editor realized that what he was reading was impossible! They put in a correction the next day.)

Something Went Wrong In Jet Crash, Expert Says (no kidding?)

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers (Now that's taking things a bit far.)

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over (What a guy!)

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant (See if that works better than a fair trial)

War Dims Hope for Peace (I can see where it might have that effect)

Man Struck by Lightning; Faces Battery (He probably is the battery charge.)

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures (They may be on to something)

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges (You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?)

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors (boy, they are tall)

And the winner is:  
Typhoon Rips through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead (Did I read that right?)

### Letters to the Editor

#### North Carolina's Path: The Governor's View

To the Editor:  
The North Carolina I'm leading today is on a powerful comeback.

After just six months of problem-solving legislation and making the tough decisions that we were elected to do, there is significant movement on vital reforms to tax policy, energy, education, economic development and transportation.

While it may not be apparent to the very liberal worldview of The New York Times, North Carolina's new focus on reform is paying off. Already companies have announced plans to create more than 9,300 jobs in the state and invest more than \$1.1 billion in facilities. The jet engine manufacturer GE Aviation is bringing its advanced materials production to a new facility

near Asheville.

My reforms have stepped on the toes of the political right and the left who are vested in the old ways of doing business. But in my 14 years as mayor of Charlotte, I learned that it didn't matter whether a good idea came from a Republican or a Democrat. What mattered was whether it solved a problem and so at a cost taxpayers could afford.

This collaborative, problem-solving, focused leadership transformed Charlotte from a regional hub into a leading national metropolitan center.

This focus on pragmatic problem-solving is now fueling North Carolina's comeback to prosperity as well.

**PAT McCrory**  
Governor  
Raleigh, NC

#### Actions and Reactions

To the Editor:  
Those readers of the opinion pages of this and other papers don't always see the reactions to the letters and columns unless they view online versions of the papers.

I started this letter with that preface because I've written many letters about the growth of homosexuality and its harm to society. I've been greatly criticized in the comment sections of the papers and I've had numerous letters (all anonymous) from homosexuals and supporters of the LGBT.

My warnings have been about how the growth of homosexuality leads to more and more acceptance of deviant behavior.

Without trying to rehash all the points again I am going to paraphrase a news report here that illustrates the kind of occurrence that I have been warning about:

Recently the Proud Rainbow Youth of Southern Maine was allowed to present a Gorham, Maine Middle School a class that was supposed to teach tolerance of gays.

During the presentation the PRYSM presenters cursed and asked the children if they had been taught about safe homosexual sex. One of the 13 year olds told his parents that the group talked about sex and said if you didn't have a condom; saran wrap could serve as a dental dam.

The principal of the school reportedly sent a letter to parents apologizing for the graphic nature of the pres-

entation.

The classroom consisted of 25 eighth graders. The chairman of the school committee told The American Journal that teachers felt uncomfortable about the presentation and reported it to the principal.

When I read the report, all kinds of questions came to my mind such as how did those people get in front of the kids to begin with? Why weren't they stopped as soon as it was obvious they were out of line? Aren't schools responsible for previewing?

In a sense, I'm glad it took place. Not because it was a good idea but because it illustrates just how far homosexuals are willing to go in an effort to gain acceptance.

Similar activity is already taking place in Massachusetts and Canada and likely in other states, especially those that have approved same sex marriage. I know that similar actions were taken at one of the schools in Gastonia but I don't know if that was during a regular class schedule.

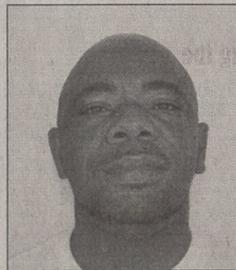
Folks, if you're with the majority of North Carolinians that voted for Amendment One, hold onto your position with a death grip. Speak to your school boards and let them know that you don't want perverse individuals or groups addressing your children under any guise.

**BEAUFORD BURTON**  
Kings Mountain.

## Sidewalk Survey

Area residents were asked...

In light of the verdict in the high-profile Florida case where a man was acquitted in the shooting death of an unarmed teenager, what do you think about North Carolina's own stand-your-ground law?



"Stand your ground shouldn't mean following somebody and then standing your ground."

**John Nesbitt**



"I think we ought to have (the law). To me that's a common-sense law."

**Rick Hamrick**



"It's a good law (but) there needs to be more discussion about it."

**Deborah Allen**



"If they can keep it fair. Don't discriminate. Just follow the law."

**Tim Boone**

## 45¢ forum

### Letter to the editor...



Do you have questions or concerns about what's happening in your community? Are there good things happening in your neighborhood? Let us know in a *Letter to the Editor*. We welcome your comments\*!

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