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Our Mission

The Chronicle is dedicated to serving the residents of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County by giving voice to the voiceless, speaking truth to power, standing for integrity and encouraging open communication and lively debate throughout the community.

Time to move ahead within 'rigged' system

The campaigning is over. Now, the path to governing begins.

Donald Trump campaigned vigorously by calling people names; vowing to cut freedom for undocumented residents, especially those of Mexican descent; speaking about sexually assaulting women (he says he didn't do any of the things he boasted about); threatening to screen Muslims entering the country because he says they might be terrorists; and being condescending as he tried to court African-Americans. Whew. And he still won.

He faces a court date over his defunct Trump Universit. The case is being heard by a judge Trump called biased because of his Mexican heritage. He questioned the judge's citizenship as an American.

How can the country heal based on Donald Trump's background?

How can African-Americans trust Trump when his campaign was mostly funded by one billionaire who is paying the salaries of Trump staffers, including a leader of a racist organization, Breitbart News Network? Will Trump make leaders of the Klu Klux Klan members of his Cabinet? After all, the group endorsed him.

And what about those jobs he promised Americans? In this "rigged" system, as he called it, will only the people who voted for him get those jobs, if any jobs really emerge?

Trump has a lot of backtracking to do if he expects to heal the country.

Maybe he doesn't expect to heal the country. Maybe he wants to destroy it.

We are hunkering down for the next four years.

ELECTION DAY QUOTES

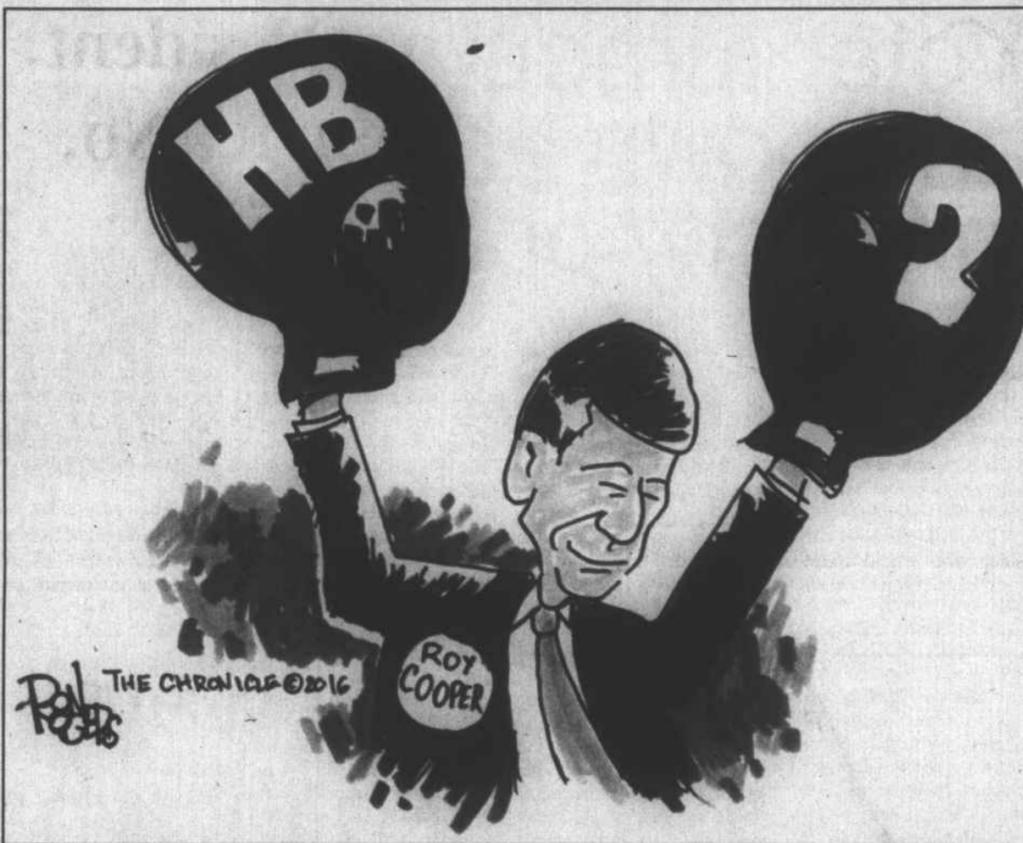
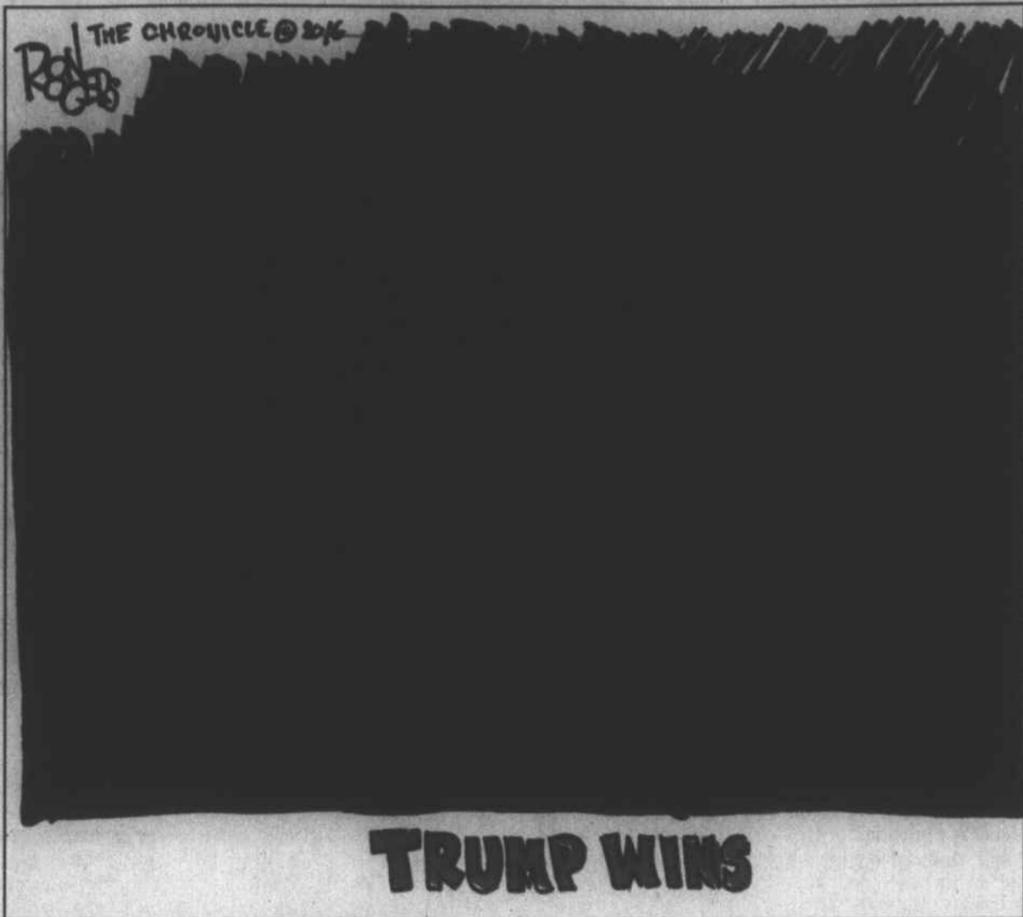
Below are some quotes generated on Tuesday, Nov. 8 in Winston-Salem:

Melissa Harris Perry, the Maya Angelou Presidential Chair at Wake Forest University. She also is the Executive Director of the Pro Humanitate Institute and founding director of the Anna Julia Cooper Center at Wake Forest.

"No matter who wins, we must continue to work together to build a better, stronger country. We have to figure out how we're going to have conversations with each other, how we're going to get the things we need. Don't buy into the hype that this is the worse thing that every happened to you because it's not. We're going to be all right."

Eric Ellison, chairman of the Forsyth County Democratic Party

"I think all of us are proud of the efforts we put forth as Democrats. We had a record number of early votes, and record number of Democrats with absentee votes, so I think we did well. I'm very confident that by the end of the night, Forsyth County and North Carolina will be blue not just for president but for governor and attorney general. We're very confident but we have to wait until the final numbers are counted."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Investigation needed regarding burning of church in Miss.

To the Editor:

We are deeply concerned regarding last night's [Nov. 1] attack on Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, Mississippi. We are even more concerned that this church, a cornerstone of this majority-Black community located in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, was vandalized and targeted on the eve of the upcoming 2016 general election. The toxic rhetoric of this election cycle continues to cast a dark cloud over this election cycle.

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law urges the U.S. Department of Justice to bring its expertise to bear in a full investigation of this incident to determine if this was indeed a racially-driven hate crime and to identify the perpetrators behind this attack. The investigation and prevention of church arsons must remain a national priority. Our country has scars, both old and new, from attacks levied against Black churches and other houses of worship. These incidents tear at the fabric of our nation and should be condemned in every respect.

Kristen Clarke
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Note: About the Lawyers' Committee
The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (Lawyers' Committee), a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, was formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy to involve the private bar in providing legal services to address racial discrimination. Formed over 50 years ago, we continue our quest of "Moving America Toward Justice." The principal mission of the Lawyers' Committee is to secure, through the rule of law, equal justice under law, particularly in the areas of fair housing and community development; employment; voting; education; and criminal justice. For more information about the

Lawyers' Committee, visit www.lawyerscommittee.org.

Be careful or children can get swine flu

To the Editor:

I'm especially relieved that I didn't take my children to the North Carolina State Fair now that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released a report indicating that pigs at fairs are responsible for infecting children with swine flu.

I wouldn't have wanted my kids to get sick, like many of the children who attended agricultural fairs in Michigan and Ohio did.

North Carolina fairgoers have gotten sick, and worse, from casual animal contact in the past.

For example, a 2-year-old boy died and at least 106 other people became ill with E. coli after visiting a petting zoo at the 2012 Cleveland County Fair.

The CDC advises parents not to take strollers, bottles, pacifiers, sippy cups, or toys into animal areas, and suggests that children younger than 5 avoid petting zoos altogether.

An editorial in the News & Observer concluded that petting zoos "have caused too much pain and sorrow for too many youngsters and their families in this state." But you can have fun without putting your child's health at risk or supporting cruelty to animals: Go hiking, camping, birdwatching, or simply enjoy the pool, park, or any other animal-free activity.

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