

# VIEWPOINTS

## You look at things differently with age

The Friendly Undertaker has been giving me all kinds of advice and some of it is pretty good. He says that I need to do public relations this summer instead of pick peaches. I really had rather be in upper management. Regardless, he is a good partner and a pretty good fellow, but it would be wise before I take his advice if I check with his pretty wife.

As we get older, looking at ourselves in a different light is wise. However, this is how a woman looks at life. It is entitled "What I Want in a Man."

This is the original.  
1. Handsome  
2. Charming  
3. Financially successful  
4. A caring listener  
5. Witty  
6. In good shape  
7. Dress with style  
8. Appreciate finer things  
9. Full of thoughtful surprises  
10. Loves surprising me on weekends

What I Want in a Man (Revised List age 32)  
1. Nice looking  
2. Opens car doors, holds chairs  
3. Has enough money for a nice dinner  
4. Listens more than talks  
5. Laughs at my jokes  
6. Carries bag of groceries with ease  
7. Owns at least one tie  
8. Appreciates a good home cooked meal

### A View from the Country



9. Remembers birthdays and anniversaries  
10. Plans together time on weekends

What I Want in a Man (Revised List age 52)

1. Keeps hair in nose and ears trimmed  
2. Doesn't drive off until I am in the car  
3. Doesn't belch or scratch in public  
4. Doesn't borrow money too often  
5. Doesn't nod off to sleep when I am venting  
6. Doesn't retell the same jokes too many times  
7. Is in good enough shape to get off the couch on weekends  
8. Usually wears matching socks and fresh underwear  
9. Remembers your name on occasion  
10. Shaves some weekends

What I Want in a Man (Revised list age 62)

1. Doesn't scare small children  
2. Remembers where the bathroom is  
3. Doesn't require much money for upkeep  
4. Only snores lightly when asleep

5. Remembers why he is laughing  
6. Is in good enough shape to stand up by himself  
7. Usually wears some cloths  
8. Likes soft food  
9. Remembers where he left his teeth  
10. Remembers that it is the weekend

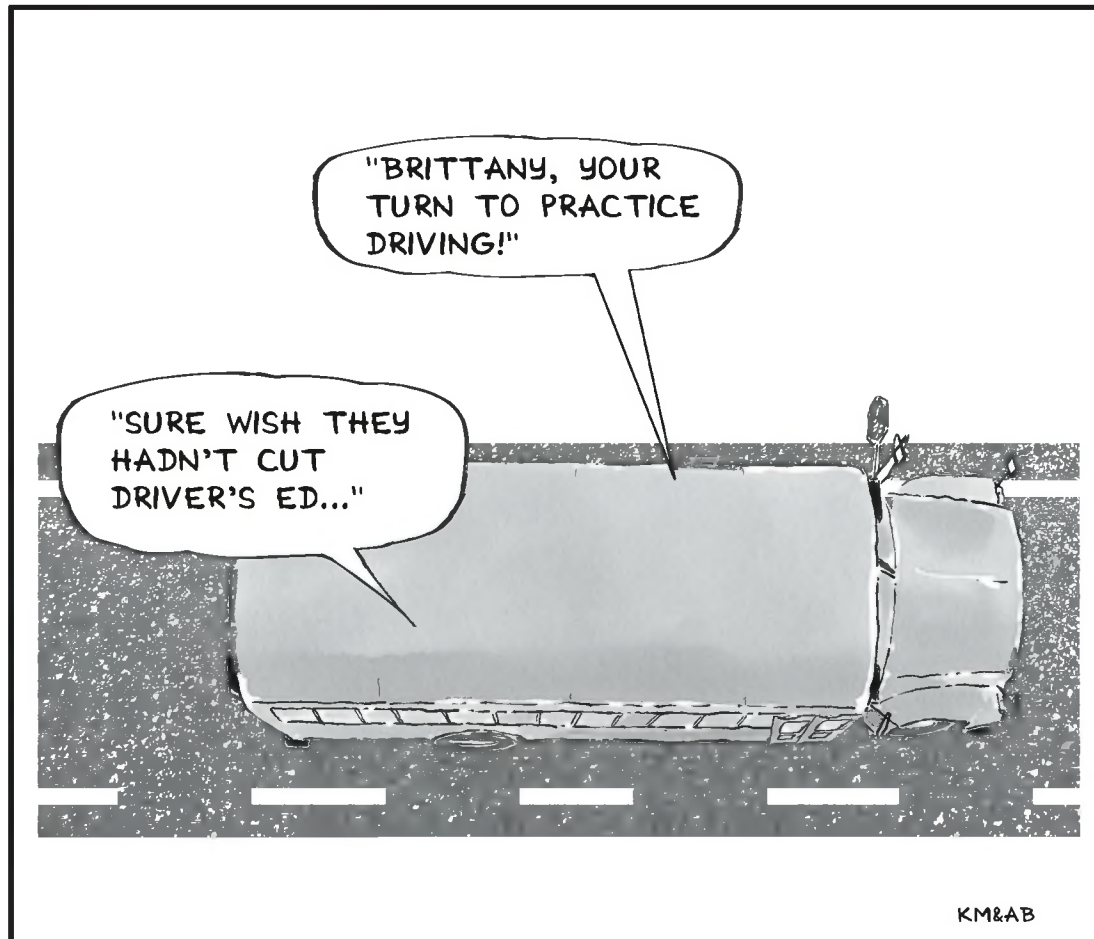
What I want in a man (Revised list age 72)

1. Breathing  
2. Doesn't miss the toilet

After being married for 44 years, I took a careful look at my wife one day and said, "Darling, 44 years ago we had a cheap apartment, a cheap car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 25-year-old girl. Now I have a \$750,000 home, a \$45,000 car, a nice big bed and plasma screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 65-year-old woman. It seems to that you're not holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 25-year-old gal, and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap apartment, driving a cheap car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch black-and-white TV.

Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve your mid-life crisis.



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## We Get Letters

### No stamps at post office

To the Editor,  
I was in the Raeford Post Office to purchase a money order. The clerk was very courteous but claimed they did not have money orders. Last month I was there for stamps, and they were out of stamps! My question is, why do we have a United States Post Office in this city? I spend time driving there, standing in line, and get no service! I will no longer patronize the Raeford Post Office.

Jean O'Bryant  
Fayetteville



Starving?

### Horse starving

To the Editor:  
I keep several of my horses on a farm in Aberdeen (Hoke County). On a neighboring farm, there are two horses that are quite literally starving to death.

Animal Control has been called at least once a week since October 2009 in order to take action against the owners of these horses. When animal control has responded, the animals have been given some food. Once animal control leaves, the situation reverts and the horses again have no food.

The matter has now reached a crisis point where one of the horses is a rack of bones and nothing is being done to help these animals. We have a rescue organization that is willing to take the horses if animal control acts or if the owners surrender the animals.

The Sheriff has responded by calling animal control and

asking that a vet come out and check the horses and that food be provided. Again nothing is getting done.

All roads lead back to animal control. What I would like to know is: at what point does animal control in this county act to help the animals? If they are not going to protect two horses that are starving to death, frankly, when do they act?

Dale Wyatt

### Letters policy

The News-Journal welcomes letters to the editor and encourages readers to express their opinions. Letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. The street address and phone number will not be published, but are required so we may verify authenticity. The name of the writer and, in some cases, the town the writer is from will be published at the end of the letter.

We are not able to publish letters that are essentially thank-you cards.

We reserve the right to edit letters for grammar, as well as those that exceed 300 words. We will not publish letters that we consider to be in poor taste or libelous. In some cases we may add an editor's note as a postscript when we believe a correction, explanation or amplification is warranted. We may also, at our discretion, limit the number of times an individual writer may submit a letter for publication.

*Editor's note: The News-Journal looked into this case and was told by Animal Control Director Jimmy Carthens that his officers and a vet have visited the horse. While the animal is thin, Carthens said it is not unhealthy, and therefore there is no legal action that can be taken. Carthens said the owner has given the horse hay and that animal control will monitor the horse once a week.*

## Join me in planting trees

BY MIGUEL A. GUERRERO  
Hoke County High School student

Ever wonder how our earth is repairing its atmosphere from the effects of global warming? If you consider the conditions that contribute to heat build-up from earth, high levels of carbon dioxide (CO2) are a major source of this problem. Heat becomes trapped in the atmosphere due to high levels of CO2 and other gases that prohibit or interfere with heat release into space.

As a student at Hoke County High School, I researched the topic of global warming trends and decided that this would make a great topic for my senior project. I can recall that in at least one of my classes the issue of climate change was attributed to a phenomenon known as the "greenhouse effect." Through further research of Environmental Protection Agency studies, my awareness was reinforced on how CO2 is absorbed as a crucial part of plant life cycle, and that trees have the ability to effectively sequester CO2 concentrations from the atmosphere for photosynthesis/

carbohydrates production. As a by-product, trees (and other plant life) release oxygen back to the atmosphere, to further dilute concentrations of CO2 in our environment.

Right here in Hoke County, the air is still relatively clean (close to normal concentrations of carbon dioxide), as detected by an EPA monitoring station.

EPA reports that nearly half of the greenhouse effect is caused by CO2. Whereas trees have the ability to restore CO2 to normal levels, in urban environments this is about 400 parts per million in the atmosphere. In areas where fewer trees remain, as a direct result of growing populations' need for housing and related construction projects, CO2 levels in our outdoor environment have increased, especially during peak travel periods, when the mode of transportation to and from work is via the gas-fueled automobiles. According to EPA, the amount of carbon dioxide emitted per gallon of motor gasoline burned is 8.89\*10-3 metric tons. When I researched my topic and decided to plant and grow additional trees, I

realized a related environmental preservation value of this resource: trees can be used to provide an additional means of cooling, as a function of shade. As trees shade buildings in the summer, less fossil fuels and wood are used to produce the electricity used for building air conditioning. According to the National Arbor Day Foundation, one tree that shades your home in the city will also save fossil fuel, cutting CO2 buildup as much as 15 forest trees.

Anytime we plant trees, we engage in the battle to combat the negative impacts of global warming of our climate. For my project, I was able to order trees native to this area, through donations and membership with the National Arbor Day Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides planting instruction along with the trees when shipped.

I feel great that I was able to make a small but positive contribution to reduce the global impacts on our environment.

I intend to continue membership with the National Arbor Day Foundation, and plant more trees, and track the global warming trends.

## Can't tell what primary results mean

BY SCOTT MOONEYHAM  
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It's dangerous business, this looking at the results of a single election—a primary at that—and deciphering what it all means for the future.

The danger never stops pundits and politicians from engaging in the exercise, and so it was after Tuesday's primary.

Nationally, writers and TV commentators declared that the tea party movement had come up short. In North Carolina, low turnout was translated to mean voter apathy, particularly among Democrats.

The turnout was low in the state. Just over 14 percent of registered voters showed up at the polls on Tuesday. Nearly as many Republicans as Democrats voted, even though the top-of-the-ballot race, U.S. Senate, was a foregone conclusion for the GOP.

That lack of interest in a contested Democratic U.S. Senate primary—especially when compared to similar circumstances in 2002 when more voters turned out—led to predictions of Democratic apathy come the fall.

Those predictions ignore some pretty significant differ-

ence between 2002 and 2010.

This year, Secretary of State Elaine Marshall led a crowded Democratic primary field but failed to gain the necessary 40 percent of the vote to avoid a runoff against former state Sen. Cal Cunningham.

Marshall was the best-known candidate entering the race, the only candidate to win a statewide election. By the time voters went to the polls, she was still the best-known candidate. Cunningham, the favorite of the party establishment, had run some TV ads, but not enough to overcome the name recognition of Marshall.

In 2002, Marshall was probably the least known of three major Democratic candidates hoping to take on another GOP nominee who had become a foregone conclusion, Elizabeth Dole.

Back then, former White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles had both the party backing and money to establish himself as a front-runner. Former state House Speaker Dan Blue was relatively well known.

The result was more voter interest, more TV, more people at the polls.

The polls had barely closed Tuesday before the delving into tea party success and failure

also began.

Given the fractious nature of the movement, determining who is and isn't a tea party darling seemed difficult enough.

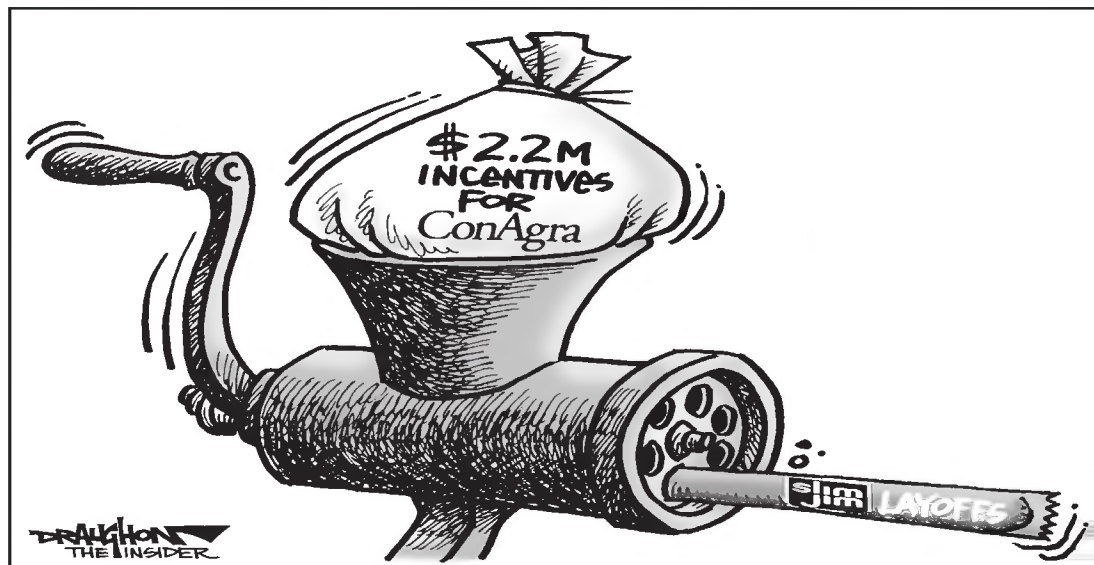
Longtime incumbent Republican Congressman Howard Coble stomped all comers, including some who tried to decorate themselves with tea leaves. Bill Randall, a Republican running to challenge 13th District Congressman Brad Miller, qualified for a runoff after being endorsed by something called the Tea Party PAC. Tim D'Annunzio did the same in the 8th Congressional District after falling out with state Republican Party officials. D'Annunzio pumped \$950,000 of personal money into his campaign.

Meanwhile, just five incumbent state legislators were beaten on Tuesday, only one of them a Republican.

Anyone who claims they can tell what that means in relation to tea party activism should probably go into the coastal land sales business.

A wiser course would be to wait until the fall to try to decode it all.

As is always the case, the months between now and then will be an eternity in politics.



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