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Letters to the Editor

How many of Trump's promises will fall by wayside?

Dear Editor,
 Absentee ballots all over the country are still being counted. As I wrote this, Clinton was ahead in the popular vote by 668,483 votes. On Nov. 8, Trump was projected to win the Electoral College, but the Electoral College doesn't vote until December 19. Will the popular vote sway the Electoral College?
 Also, now that the campaigning is over and the mask is starting to slip, what is Trump really going to do for our country?
 The military? Well, he didn't attend any Veteran's Day events. I

guess the President-elect can't be bothered to honor our veterans.
 Abortion? He wants to leave it up to the states. In fact, he recently stated that women wanting abortions should just travel to another state if abortions are prohibited in their state. That doesn't sound very pro-life to me.
 Obamacare? He said he would repeal it. Now, he's saying that he wants to keep key provisions of Obamacare.
 Putting Hillary in jail? He's backing off on his promise to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate

Clinton.
 Immigration? Before, he wanted to deport all undocumented immigrants. Now, he plans to deport just the dangerous ones. Paul Ryan has confirmed that there won't be a "deportation force", as promised by Trump.
 Environment? Big business will be in charge of "protecting" the environment.
 Taxes? Trump frequently talked about helping working people, but under his tax plan the top one percent will get a much greater benefit than middle-income families.

The rich getting richer?
 National debt? He claimed he would eliminate the debt, but his own team has said that his policies would add \$10 trillion to the debt.
 Money in politics? He claimed he would be self-funding. Didn't happen. He was supported by his billionaire buddies who will benefit from his administration.
 Nepotism and DC lobbyists? His transition team includes three of his children and lots of Washington insiders. With his children involved, will Trump really meet

the blind trust standards with his business interests and avoid conflicts of interest? With so many billionaires on his Team, who will be looking out for the 99 percent? Trump's 100-day plan includes prohibitions on lobbyists. But, he has a bunch of lobbyists in his transition team.
 As we get closer to inauguration day, how many more of Trump's promises will fall by the wayside? Stay tune, folks.

Nancy Theodore
Hertford

2016 General Election brought out passion on both sides

Dear Editor,
 Stunning images dominated the presidential elections, beginning for me with the post-election map of the United States by county. Except for slivers of blue along both coasts and pockets of blue in urban areas, the map was almost all red. Then we got TV reports on street protests in several large cities and flag-burnings on college campuses. These images tell us a lot about how divided a nation we

have become.
 The map shows a stark division between rural and urban America. The protests, moreover, confirm, beyond simple geography, that we have two Americas with essentially different values. These differences have always existed, but it took an election between two flawed candidates with enormous negatives to arouse passions on both sides.
 The majority of citizens outside our cities, feeling disenfranchised

by a leftist government insensitive to their needs, voted against what they saw as a corrupt Democrat machine that would only make matters worse. "Drain the Swamp" became the perfect expression of their anger, as they rallied for the one man who heard their cries and gave them hope. What the biased media and the pollsters missed was the depth of their passion.
 The street and campus protesters railed against election results

that threaten their generous entitlements. Will they now be forced to pay for their own food, their own medical care, and, as Hillary promised, their free college education? The eruption of slanders from an embarrassed media says it all: How will we survive in a country run by bigots and racists?
 I submit that we are not a nation of bigots and racists. Most Americans are not haters. They are law-abiding citizens who believe in

equality and in the freedom and opportunity to enjoy their God-given rights of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." Maybe it's time for all of us to retreat to a quiet corner and to re-read the Declaration of Independence. In this season of Thanksgiving, we should all be grateful to be living in this great country of ours.

Claude Milot
Hertford

Clinton learned the lesson it is a man's world

Dear Editor,
 On Nov. 8 Hillary Clinton learned a hard lesson — that it's still a man's world politically. Along with millions of other 'deplorables' who cling to our religion, guns and principles I sent a message to Hillary and her ilk that we're not taking it anymore. She, along with her fellow traitors, anarchists, malcontents, young white, educated women, millennials and a growing eclectic horde of leftist misfits should feel free to exercise the option of leaving America as others have said they'd do if Donald Trump becomes the president.
 For those who said they'll leave the country if Trump becomes president are such

notables as Samuel L. Jackson who keeps asking me what's in my wallet. Here's the answer, Samuel...It's a bus ticket to Cape Breton, Nova Scotia where they say they'll gladly take you in and help with getting you settled into your new country. It's the best I can do on short notice. And as an added component our new president gets to fill his first Supreme Court vacancy to replace retiring justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who's said she'll be making the trip north with you. There's a lot more misfits who'll be along soon as they get the courage to go so I'm hoping you'll all get along together.
 In time perhaps Jeb Bush and his treacherous and rot-

ten family will head on up that way but I really don't know why Jeb would want to do that because I remember his saying to Donald Trump: "Donald, you're not going to insult your way to the presidency— it's not going to happen". You know you're going to Hell for lying, doncha, Jeb?
 Calvin Lacy
Hertford

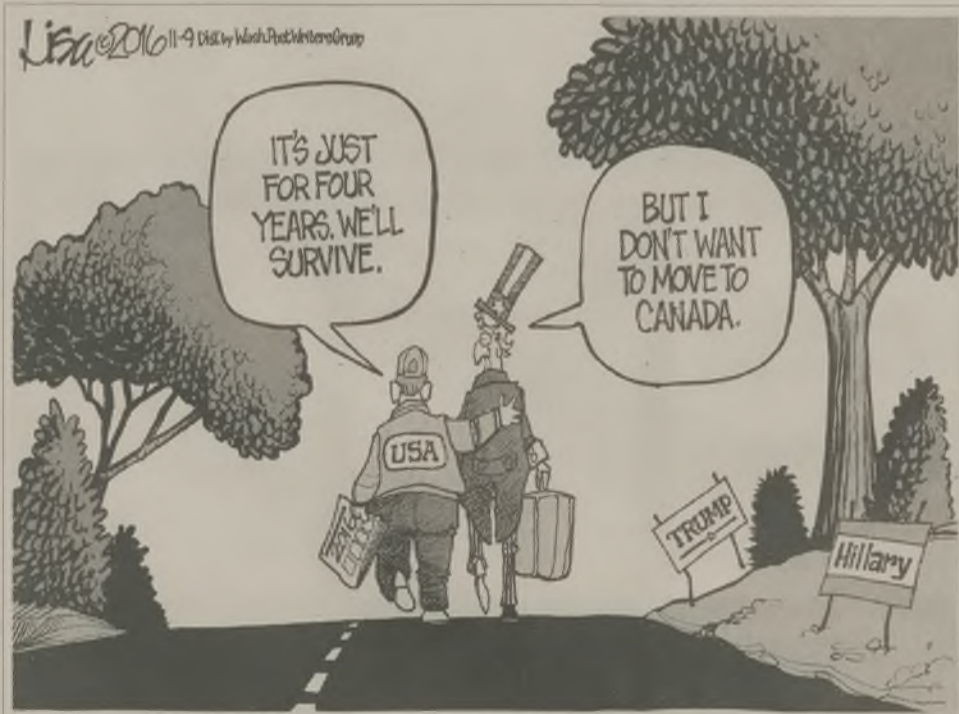
Do unto your neighbor as you would to yourself
 Dear Editor,
 One needs to look at a few facts about the proposed Apex wind turbine project and proposed solar

projects that are attempting to secure conditional use permits in Perquimans County. The people that have signed leases for the most part do not live in Perquimans County.
 Also, most of these people did not work to purchase the property, they inherited these properties from family members. The same thing could be said of existing solar projects.
 People do not care about the impact of their decisions on their neighbors. All they think about is the fact that they will receive a check from a company from out of the area. Most of these lands are productive agricultural lands that will be needed to feed the people in the fu-

The people that want to force these projects in Perquimans County would not want them next door.
 I think we should remember this: "Do unto your neighbor as you would have him do unto you".
 We have a beautiful country, let's keep it that way.
 Tommy Harrell
Hertford

Mother defends son's actions in fight
 Dear Editor,
 I am very concerned how my son is being portrayed in these articles through out North Carolina and Virginia. There is a difference

of opinion as to the involvement of my son's actions. I have been told by two of the facility members at the high school as to how they felt Austin had acted. I am quoting, "he acted in a chivalrous manner to protect the female staff."
 Please find my son's side of the story of his action, and his reasons for involving himself. He truly only wanted to help with the violence that was being committed on the female facility.
 I sincerely thank you for your assistance in this matter. We need the truth to be accurately portrayed.
 Sincerely,
 Tracy Deziel
Hertford



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