

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Garton makes county fair safer

Annually, Polk County hosts its county fair, and one of the things that makes it great is that it feels safe.

Sheriff Garton has built a relationship with the fairgrounds to promote and improve that safe environment.

He works with fair staff to ensure the best emergency management plans and provides excellent coverage at the fair.

He has lived his whole life in Polk County, and for the last 19 years has earned his way up through the ranks in the jail and on patrol.

Sheriff Garton is the right person to keep our fair and our county safe.

*Anna Scharf  
Polk County Fair Board  
Chair  
Perrydale*

## Morett has fight, ingenuity

This year I believe we have the opportunity to vote for a great candidate in Laura Morett, who is running for the HD20 State Legislature seat.

She is a person of impeccable character and unmatched drive.

She loves to win, and Laura wants to bring a win for us at the capitol.

She wants to represent us and not a special interest group.

Laura has the fight and ingenuity to take on the is-

sues we, as a state, are facing. So this year when I'm marking my ballot, Laura Morett has my vote for the positive change we desperately need.

*Marc Senyk  
Independence*

## Put Thompson back in HD 23

Oregon's HD 23 should return Jim Thompson to the legislature. Jim demonstrates an ability to listen to constituents and respond to their concerns.

He's no flame-thrower; instead he has moderate views that indicate his willingness to work with all parties.

The only time I hear from Mike Nearman consists of one postcard right before the election.

He should be hosting an occasional forum to meet the constituents throughout the year.

Conversely, Jim seems very civic minded, and I see him at many events throughout the district.

Nearman never even responds to the press. Jim Thompson: HD 23's better choice.

*Molly Mayhead  
Monmouth*

## Elect Thompson to House District 23

We need Jim Thompson as our representative in Salem. Jim will work collaboratively with city governments, economic vitality groups, and honestly consider constituents' ideas

and opinions. He wants to ensure he is working for and with people in the community.

During my time as mayor and in city council, I have not seen a State Representative work so little with communities or community organizations as Mike Nearman has.

However, Thompson has shown he will reach out to help solve individual and community needs.

If we do not have someone advocating for our local cities in Salem, who will?

*Jim Fairchild  
Dallas*

## DA endorses Garton for sheriff

As Polk County's District Attorney, I have had the privilege of working directly with Sheriff Mark Garton.

Under his leadership, 24-hour patrols have been restored, the Polk County Inter Agency Narcotics Team is working again, and vacant deputy positions are being filled.

He is a respected community leader and dedicated law enforcement officer. Please join me in voting for Mark Garton for Polk County Sheriff.

*Aaron Felton  
West Salem*

## Wilson deserves re-election

I am voting for LaVonne Wilson so that she may continue on the Dallas City Council.

LaVonne has proven to be

a knowledgeable and caring person in helping to lead Dallas.

She has worked in the public sector for 29 years as business manager and deputy clerk.

LaVonne has given back to our community with her expertise and knowledge with various organizations.

She is always ready and willing to talk to residents about their concerns and issues.

Therefore, I ask you to vote for LaVonne Wilson for city council so that Dallas may continue to grow under her expert leadership.

*Harriet Feder  
Dallas*

## Garton has integrity

Sheriff Mark Garton is a man of his word.

He is a man with integrity.

He is a man who keeps his promises.

Please join me in voting to keep our sheriff, Polk County Sheriff Mark Garton. A man you can trust.

*Jennifer Wheeler  
Polk County Commissioner  
Independence*

## Vote for Thompson, cooperation

I will vote for Jim Thompson for representative in HD 23.

As a long-time Democrat, I've usually had to rely on Republicans to represent my interests in Salem.

Fortunately, I have had Lane Shetterly and Jim

Thompson as my representative in the past, and knew that they would work with all who had the interests of all Oregonians at heart, and listen to my concerns, even though we did not always agree.

Please join me in voting for Jim Thompson to regain a voice in the legislature.

We need someone who will listen and say more than "no."

*Dale Derouin  
Dallas*

## Go on and leave the light off

As an amateur astronomer, I would like to thank folks who leave their lights off. It reduces light pollution.

*Mike Neufeldt  
Dallas*

## Whitlow provides strong leadership

I would like to strongly urge the citizens of Polk County to vote for Todd Whitlow for sheriff in the upcoming election.

I have known and worked with Todd Whitlow for the better part of 20 years, and recognize him as an individual of exceptional integrity, professional law enforcement skills, and leadership ability.

Todd Whitlow has the necessary education, training and experience to provide necessary change and proven leadership to Polk County Sheriff's Office.

As a retired law enforcement officer (39 years), I

highly recommend Todd Whitlow for the position of Polk County Sheriff.

*Michael Runyon  
Dallas*

## Garton makes positive impact

Mark Garton knows the needs of Polk County.

His career has been spent serving the people of Polk County at the sheriff's office.

As our sheriff, Mark has accomplished critical goals: restoring 24-hour patrols, creating a citizen's advisory board, and, most recently, creating mental health crisis teams.

People experiencing a mental health crisis need intervention, support and services, not jail time.

These teams will have a positive impact for all of us.

Vote for Mark Garton. He has proven his leadership ability.

*Eileen Brown  
West Salem*

## Election letter reminder

If you want your election-related to run in the *Itemizer-Observer* before Election Day, the cutoff will be the Nov. 2 issue.

The final deadline to appear in the Nov. 2 issue will be 10 a.m. on Oct. 31.

Writers are limited to one election-related letter per election season.

Election-related letters are limited to 100 words.

# OBITUARIES

## Anita Ravell Hoefler

Jan. 30, 1954 – Oct. 4, 2016  
Anita Ravell Hoefler, 62, a resident of Dallas died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016 at her home, after a long illness,



with loved ones by her side. She was born on Jan. 30, 1954, in Haysville, North Carolina, in her grandparent's home, the daughter of Edward and Nettie Ashe Shuler.

In 1962, she moved to Dallas where she graduated from Dallas Senior High in 1972.

She married Richard Steven Hoefler on March 18, 1984 in the Dallas Seventh-day Adventist Church. She

was first and foremost a wife and mother, she loved being a homemaker. Anita co-owned Dallas Upholstery with her husband.

She enjoyed riding on the back of their motorcycle with her hair in the wind. She enjoyed being in the outdoors on family camping trips all over the state, especially beach trips, playing games with family and friends, baking, cooking and barbecuing.

Anita loved to drive her Firebird through the countryside, it made her happy. She loved music, singing, flower gardening and all pets and animals. She was a member of the Dallas Seventh-day Adventist Church, loved Christ and reading the scriptures.

She is survived by her husband Richard, sons Ben and Tyler and daughter Gina, one grandchild Luca,

mother Nettie Shuler, brothers Bruce and Mike and sister Regina. She is preceded in death by her father, Edward, and brothers Tracy and Nigel.

A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14th in the Dallas Seventh-day Adventist Church at 589 SW Birch St. Dallas.

Memorial donations are suggested to a non-kill animal shelter. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.

To leave a message or memory please go to [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

## Harry Niesen

July 27, 1920 – Oct. 5, 2016  
Our dearly loved husband, father and grandfa-



ther passed away on Oct. 5 at the age of 96. Harry was born at Saranac Lake, New York, on July 27, 1920, the youngest of four children.

He grew up, graduated from high school and learned his watch repair skills, all in Buffalo, New York.

In 1945, he moved to Los Angeles with his first wife and young family.

In 1985, Harry married Marilyn Brodshaw. They returned and moved to Dallas, Oregon, in 1991. Their love of square dancing and RVing took them to 49 of the 50 states.

They were charter members of Polk About Sams, a Good Sam chapter.

He spent much of his spare time in his dark room developing and printing his photography.

Harry leaves behind his wife, Marilyn, daughters Sheila (Mike) Craven, Arianne Lloyd, and Linda Nelson, and twin grandsons Shiraz and Bahji Nelson. Also, stepchildren Lea Kimball, Gay Wilson, Lorie Even-son and Chris Bradshaw, and four step-grandchildren.

A family graveside memorial will be held at a future date.

## Gary R. Turner

July 21, 1933 – Oct. 7, 2016

Gary Turner, 83, passed away on Oct. 7, 2016. He was born July 21, 1933, in Pasadena, California, to



Sarah Elizabeth and Ivan Turner.

After serving in the Army during the Korean War, he married Nona Colwell on March 7, 1957.

They moved their family to Oregon in 1969. Gary was a carpenter by trade, but was happiest working outside on their wooded property in the country.

He was a role model and mentor for all who knew him. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Nona; four daughters, Lori, Dena, Kary, and Gail; eight grandchildren; and a growing number of great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar in Dallas on Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. In lieu of flow-

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## Dennis Victor Trine

May 19, 1958 – Oct. 4, 2016

Dennis Trine was born May 19, 1958, in Dallas to Filmore and Barbara Trine. He died at OHSU in Portland on Oct. 4.

A funeral service was held. Farnstrom Mortuary is handling arrangements. Memories and condolences at [FarnstromMortuary.com](http://FarnstromMortuary.com).

## Obituary Information

The *Itemizer-Observer* has changed its Obituary policy. Obituaries cost \$8 per column inch (25 words) — photos and flags for veterans are included in the price. Death notices are run free of charge.

Obituary information must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication to be included in the newspaper.

Most funeral homes handle obituary information and provide it to the newspaper. However, information can also be submitted directly from family members. Obituaries must be paid for in advance.

Color and black-and-white photos can be submitted, but photos will only be published in black and white. The *Itemizer-Observer* uses a flag logo in the obituaries of people who served in the armed forces.

Information can be brought or mailed to the *Itemizer-Observer*, 147 SE Court St., Dallas, OR 97338, or emailed to [ionews@polkio.com](mailto:ionews@polkio.com).

For more information: Emily Mentzer, 503-623-2373, ext. 117.

## Sudoku solution

8	6	1	7	4	5	2	9	3
2	4	3	1	9	8	6	5	7
5	7	9	3	2	6	4	1	8
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1	2	7	5	6	9	3	8	4
9	8	4	2	3	7	5	6	1
6	3	8	9	5	4	1	7	2
4	1	5	8	7	2	9	3	6
7	9	2	6	1	3	8	4	5

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