

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Nearman stands up for values

Our trust must be earned. Republican Rep. Mike Nearman stood for our values and concerns while in the minority in the House. He never wavered from his promise, and he earned our trust. Jim Thompson wavered. He was a Republican, then registered as an Independent and receives much of his funding from the unions, Kurt Schrader and other similar sources. When you "reach across the aisle," which side of the aisle are you on Mr. Thompson? Our trust must be earned.

Alan Minton
 Dallas

Vote Garton; keep moving forward

Please join me in voting for Mark Garton for sheriff. Under his leadership and the passage of our public safety levy, Polk County has returned to 24-hour deputy patrols, reinstated the POINT drug team, instituted a mental health crisis response team, and will have a mental health counselor in the jail. Let's keep the momentum going for all of these improvements by retaining Mark Garton as Polk County Sheriff.

Jean Sherbeck
 Dallas

Vote Garton: 'always helping'

I support Mark Garton for sheriff. As Officer Garton, he came to my granddaughters first-grade class and instructed the kids on safety issues, including gun safety, and "do not touch," "leave the room," "go tell an adult."

She is only 6 years old but tells everyone that if she is ever in trouble, she is going to call Sheriff Garton, because he will always help her.

She was ecstatic when he became sheriff, and for one so young, she tells everyone to vote for "her" Sheriff Garton. I guess "always helping" is a good enough reason for me, too.

Alice Pender
 Dallas

Nearman can dish it, but can't take it

Mike Nearman's latest mailer had me laughing so hard I almost cried. He was

whining and crying about a mailer against him that was using negative attacks.

He complained this was a low blow. Mike, that's what your campaign was all about two years ago, negative attacks, innuendo and half-truths.

Now that someone is using your tactics, you are whining foul like the schoolyard bully who doesn't get his way?

Mike, it's time to man up and undertake a campaign where you address your solutions to the issues in the Legislature, not whine.

Carol Klover
 Dallas

Election signs litter rights-of-way

I find it distressing that several of the candidates for local office have their campaign signs placed in vacant lots and/or in the public right-of-way.

Did they all get permission from the vacant lot's owner?

One candidate has 20

signs on both sides of the road along a 500-foot-long section of state highway.

I know they didn't get permission from ODOT. The Dallas sign code is designed to prevent a free-for-all of visual pollution like you see in neighboring cities.

Are these the same people that will, if elected, be responsible for our sign code and property maintenance ordinances?

Joe Koubek
 Dallas

Thompson works with all, for all

Recently I had the opportunity to meet with Jim Thompson. As a Baby Boomer, a rural citizen with a small farm, a retired teacher, and a caretaker for my elderly parents, I have many concerns that cross personal, civic, and family lines.

Jim has an excellent reputation as a man who works across party lines, willing to

work with everyone, helping in any way he can.

He had excellent suggestions for dealing with issues I've encountered in caring for my elderly parents.

He is also committed to solving the complex issues that confront rural Oregon.

Re-elect Jim Thompson.

Kris Heath
 Rickreall

Dallas coaches thankful for club

A special thanks from the Dallas High coaches: Wrestling mats, basketball hoops, soccer/volleyball scoreboards — you name it. The Dallas Booster Club

has been shoring-up Dragon Athletics for decades.

Last week they came through big-time once again.

Their annual auction beefs up the accounts of every program at DHS.

This money enables us to buy kids food on away trips, buy that extra equipment, sometimes add an extra coach.

Thank you boosters, for lightening the load (We would rather coach than fundraise).

Tony Olliff
 DHS Coaches
 Dallas

ATTENTION: Aquatic Center Spooky Swim

Due to a number of conflicting events, the Search for Captain Jack's Lantern has been postponed until next year. The Aquatic Center will be open on Saturday, October 29, from 6-9 pm for a spooky recreation swim. Regular admission rates apply.

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