

Fears about Trump unfounded

Re: "Trump Triumphs — Upset win caps mogul's stunning rise," Wednesday news story.

I am a 60-year-old educated white male, and I voted for Donald Trump. In my view, he was the better of two poor choices. This morning I have already seen and read several exposés touching on a common theme: that Trump voters are overwhelmingly racist and sexist and that Tuesday's yesterday's election signals a return to darker times in our nation's history.

While the fear and concern expressed by the proponents of those views seem genuine, their concerns are unfounded. I am neither a racist nor a sexist. I voted against Hillary Clinton and against the prevailing liberal agenda. In my view, Clinton is corrupt and I simply can't abide by that.

In addition, I reject the basic tenet of the liberal left that they know better than we do what's good for us, that they are more enlightened and occupy the higher moral plane, and therefore that we should simply let them run our lives for us. That's why I voted for Trump. Having said that, I am proud that this country elected its first African-American president and I look forward to the day that we elect our first woman president. Clinton just wasn't the right woman.

Mark Johnson, Dallas

Trump's following is shocking

Like millions of others, I am still in shock over the election results. I had not thought such an outcome remotely possible. But, unbelievably, it has happened. And I am deeply depressed, not so much — though a lot — that Donald Trump will be president, but over how he got there.

The sad thing isn't so much that he is a deeply flawed human being, but that over 50 million Americans saw fit to ally themselves with a man who seemed proud to preach racism, bigotry, intolerance and misogyny, who thought it OK to practice sexual harassment, lying and lack of compassion.

Did they make this alliance because it was expedient to their other aims? Or, do they share these same horrendous moral attributes? Either way, it is sad, but if it's the latter, then our society is as deeply flawed as Trump himself, and our veneer of morality and religiosity is very thin indeed.

We truly do need God to bless America.

Donald J. Dupier, Plano

Mammography saves lives

Re: "Study finds mammograms often lead to overtreatment," by Seema Yasmin, Oct. 27 Arts & Life.

As a 50-year-old woman who believes in the benefits of preventive health, I find articles like Dr. Yasmin's infuriating. She says that "mammograms cause more problems than they detect." No wonder almost half of American women forgo their annual mammogram. Not because they don't believe in early detection, but because they've been fed misinformation that impacts thousands of women in areas of both survival and quality of life.

She says, "For every woman who may have had her life saved by a mammogram, four women were found to have tumors that may never have become serious." By what measure has she concluded that those tumors wouldn't have become serious? Dr. Daniel Kopans from Massachusetts General Hospital cites, "No one has ever seen a mammographically detected invasive breast cancer 'disappear' on its own." She is suggesting women play Russian roulette with their own health.

"A side effect of overdiagnosis is the psychological and physical toll of follow-up tests such as biopsies." Personally, at 41, I had a suspicious finding that was biopsied and benign. And guess what? I survived the "emotional toll" that many seem to think is "just too much anxiety" for a woman to handle.

The biggest failure is that there is no mention of 3-D mammography, today's gold standard in breast imaging, which decreases re-

calls by 37 percent and increases cancer detection by 54 percent. I'm astounded that any rational person (let alone a doctor) would recommend women ignore screening, and therefore any potential cancer, for any protracted period of time.

Dr. Yasmin's article seems to imply that the life of one woman saved isn't enough to offset those who may get further treatment unnecessarily. I dare you to ask any woman who is battling breast cancer if she regrets getting her mammogram. I think not.

Connie Oliver, vice president of marketing and client relations, Solis Mammography, Addison

'Personhood' is opinion, not fact

Re: "Are the unborn human?" by Ray Maturi, Sunday Letters.

Maturi calls for addressing the abortion issue in terms of the "nature of the unborn." Well, I'm with him, but instead of clarifying the issue, he just further muddies it. For one thing, he uses terms like "human being" and "unborn child" to describe the life within a mother's womb. My pro-life friends tell me the key word is "personhood." Is the life within the womb a "person," deserving of all the rights accorded to the rest of us?

If personhood is the goal of pro-lifers, Maturi makes another common mistake when he says their beliefs are "grounded in science and logic." It would be a much easier debate if they were, but personhood is not a scientific or logical concept. You can't test for or experiment to find personhood, nor can you reason your way to it. It's an opinion, informed perhaps by faith, the mother's needs, law or even raw emotion. But it's still an opinion. That's why it's such a heated argument.

Thank you to Maturi for shining light on this thorny topic. We need to have civil debate, but first we need to get on the same page regarding what's fact and what's not.

Tom Heines, Far North Dallas

My money is on Mark Cuban

Re: "Cuban and his billionaire envy," by Steve Tomson, Sunday Letters.

Mark Cuban has helped the city of Dallas in many ways, most of it unreported. While most of us were becoming enamored of email and figuring how office computer applications worked, Cuban was figuring out how to stream video so he could watch his favorite basketball team on a computer. Video streaming is now commonplace, and it is disrupting cable and satellite delivery. He has created more businesses and helped more aspiring entrepreneurs than I can keep track of (consider *Shark Tank*).

In his early days in Dallas, Cuban worked as a bartender and dance instructor. As far as I know, Cuban never stiffed anyone who worked for him. He didn't start from inherited wealth, as did Donald Trump. To answer Tomson's questions, perhaps those are the reason Cuban's credibility is well established and the press cares what he says. Let me ask, who would you like to partner with, Cuban or Trump?

Tomson's statement about billionaire envy is comical. Trump is the one who would be envious, except for the fact that all he can see in himself is perfection.

Tommy Summers, Irving

Highways clogged with trash

Have you driven up and down U.S. 75/Central Expressway lately? What has happened to Dallas? Central is littered with all kinds of trash. Old tire treads, wood, bottles, cans, papers — you name it, it is there. Does Dallas not have cleaning crews to pick up trash? What has happened to the "Don't Mess With Texas" campaign? Is law enforcement ignoring the littering laws?

The trash is especially bad under the High Five. It looks as if trash trucks have just opened up their tailgates and let things fly. Imagine what a visitor must think? Or does anybody care? Maybe I am just old-school.

Clark Tucker, Sachse