



## Letters from Murphy, Plano

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Leaving my sticker on

Re: "Giving up a lost cause – Democrats missing in action, says Chuck Bloom of Plano," Jan. 11 Metro and, "No need for Dems ...," by Don Pinkos, last Thursday Letters.

Mr. Bloom may be removing the Collin County Democrat sticker from his car while Mr. Pinkos encourages him to move to Dallas, but I'm going to stay put and work like a yellow dog to help my party.

I see encouraging signs. In the past 10 months, I've attended two well-run, sold-out fundraisers. I see new faces every month at my Women's Democratic Meeting. Some of these women just moved to the area, others are recovering Republicans and still others are new to politics in general but are very excited about what's going on nationally and have decided to get involved locally.

Yes, there is still room for improvement in the party, but I'm going to leave my Collin County Democrat sticker on my eco-friendly Prius with the hope that I'll be seeing more and more of them in the future.

*Lynn Wolfe, Plano*

Speak out, Democrats

Re: "No need for Dems ...," by Don Pinkos and "... and why they've lost," by William Gaunt, last Thursday Letters.

I was a little amused by the comments of Mr. Pinkos and Mr. Gaunt in their letters about the Democratic Party of Collin County.

Mr. Pinkos seems to think it is just fine to have (and even advocates) one-party total domination of an area. Mr. Gaunt bemoans the situation of the Collin County Democrats, but, as a former precinct chair himself, never volunteered to run for any office including the recently open county chair position.

He now blames the new county chair for much of the party's shortcomings.

Mr. Bloom started this conversation by saying that the Collin Democrats do not have candidates or enough influence to change their situation in the county. Well, as most know, it takes time and volunteers for change.

I say put your money and time where your mouth is. There are tens of thousands of Democrats in Collin County, and many have chosen to stay locked in their closets and not voice their true beliefs. Many just go along to get along.

It's time to take a big step out and stand up for a competitive multi-party county and to say enough is enough.

If you believe in a true representative government, then you will take an active part in bringing about change and help our county to reflect the views and opinions of all of its citizens, not just one select group.

Get out of your comfort zone and get involved.

*Prissy Wisnewski, Plano*

We want to save, too

Re: "Saving deregulation – New PUC chief's mission is to keep competition alive," Tuesday Business.

Electric deregulation in Texas is fragile. Public sentiment is strongly against deregulation since, contrary to the promise, electric rates for households have gone up, not down, since deregulation.

Barry Smitherman, Gov. Rick Perry's new appointee as chairman of the Texas Public Utility Commission, has a single mission: to save the advantages of deregulation and competition for the citizens of Texas.

The story includes the following paragraph: "Mr. Smitherman likes to point out that consumers can find a pricing plan now that's cheaper than the rates when deregulation began." Please, Mr. Smitherman, just share the name of the company offering that pricing plan and information on how to contact them. Then you, too, can wave a big banner: Mission Accomplished.

*Gus Delaloye, Murphy*