



## Editorial: Estes in GOP Senate District 30

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State Sen. [Craig Estes](#) is the better choice for Republicans in the largely rural Senate District 30, which takes in big chunks of Collin and Denton counties before swinging west along the Red River to Estes' home of Wichita Falls.

This newspaper has recommended for and against Estes in past elections, and this time we favor his conventional GOP politics over challenger Jim Herblin of Prosper, who tries to paint Estes as the second coming of [Walter Mondale](#). That's not working with us.

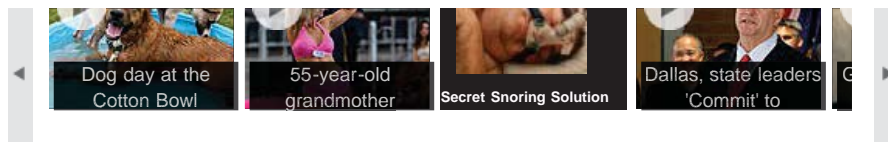
If Estes, 58, has a vulnerability, it's that he has not developed a strong portfolio of accomplishment or expertise over 11 years in office.

Herblin, 53, an accountant, was a member of the Richardson school board who unsuccessfully pushed values and morals issues that critics said were out of bounds for education policy. Running for re-election to Richardson's nonpartisan school board under the GOP banner, Herblin lost by nearly 2-to-1.

Herblin's vision for state government starts with eliminating the relatively new margins tax on business and maybe eliminating the property tax in favor of a consumption tax. He says there is "plenty to cut" in the budget.

Estes' position is best described as careful, Republican status quo.

No Democrat has filed for the office.



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