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Three cheers to letter writers, DART, and to small good deeds



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1 To letter writers — I often read letters to the editor first after scanning headlines. How about you?

There's something "real" about the letters that's missing in reports that often dance around sensitive topics, omitting important facts, perhaps for political correctness.

Not the letters. Letters are often thoughtful, not just spouting what the writer just heard on opinion TV or radio word for word.

It is much easier to write a well-researched letter now with the amazing access of the Internet, where it is still important to use caution about sources. I wonder if the News or anyone has ever researched the percent of readers viewing letters.

Keep those cards and letters coming and use reason, facts and good etiquette. People will read what you have to say.

William Gloege, Frisco

2 To DART — As someone who lives in the suburbs, I don't go into Dallas all that often due to traffic and general parking hassles. However, I had the opportunity to meet a friend downtown last week, and we decided to give the new DART Dash a go, as we hit a few spots such as the car show, a new restaurant for lunch, the arts district, and finally a local watering hole for a quick beer before heading home.

It was a terrific experience. The drivers were amazing. As we boarded I confirmed that we were on the right bus for our destination, and the drivers were extremely helpful in making sure that, as a new rider, we got off at the right stop. The buses were clean and busy, but not crowded. Our wait time for a ride was very short.

I've lived in other places with more deeply ingrained public transit systems, but I can't say that I've ridden on a nicer or friendlier system.

Thanks, DART, for doing an excellent job!

Lloyd Davis, Flower Mound

3 To small good deeds — Rarely is there an opportunity to pause amid the frenzy of everyday life. When we are constantly moving — on and off the elevators, in and out of work, up and down the streets — it's easy to see how little things go unnoticed, how wallets get lost.

We often hear stories of strangers returning lost wallets. Perhaps so often that we think it's the ordinary thing to do. Yet when we lose our wallets, do we ordinarily expect them to come back to us? I certainly didn't after I lost mine earlier this month. And I was blown away when an anonymous package with my wallet safely tucked inside arrived a week later.

Maybe it's only an ordinary little thing. But this little thing is still a little miracle to me. So here's to the little things, and here's to the kind stranger who reminded me to pause and appreciate them.

Emily Crim, North Dallas

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