

issues involved include base closure act precludes judicial whether the federal law giving legal recourse to challenge such decisions can be invoked base-closing decisions. Grant-closure act is a bitter pill for the communities. But it is much more for the "not in my back yard" that prompts community to protect military installations of their military value. Any lawmaking to undo the act, if the legal issues, is simply a this syndrome. The whole purpose to establish a credible process to do what others could not: shut down obsolete military facilities. That is working.

The court's ruling on the case, expected sometime in July, must maintain integrity of this process. To do otherwise would be a serious error in judgment. It would release a flood of challenges to the closures of facilities that either have been closed or are scheduled to be, undermining ongoing efforts to protect our armed forces. If Dalton vs. Dalton would become widely known for what it should be that it got to the point at all.

## ARE sad commentary

sement rate primarily because of the Legislature gave it the right of what it needs to meet the needs of the services. The department has some difficult choices. If anything else, the lower reimbursement are another sad commentary of the state fails to take the long view on the service issues. Problems that are dealt with effectively on the front end are not until they no longer can be then, of course, they have become more costly to solve. The network of foster homes is one of the investments this state could be making in providing a nurturing environment for children who have been scarred, either physically or emotionally. Without that kind of care, children are at a serious handicap in becoming healthy and contributing members of their communities. James H. Clements, the president of Texas Parents Inc., has lamented, "Our priorities are very wrong."



## I'm annoying: I obey the law

Re: "2 Killed after crash sends car airborne," Oct. 1.  
This is to all the morons in this area who somehow have come up with the idea they should be allowed to drive as fast as the capabilities of their vehicles allow. I'm one of these annoying people who stay within the speed limit. If you are tailgating me, honk if you want, but it will only make me slow down. My job is to drive

safely. If you want to speed, don't expect me to speed with you. Eventually, you'll cause something like what happened on Northwest Highway the afternoon of Sept. 30. And all of our insurance rates go up.  
For those who don't know, the brake is the one on the left. Use it. It's bound to work at least as well as the horn.

ED BROYLES,  
Dallas

## Phony Oswald story tarnished Dallas

I have just read a rather startling quote from former Dallas County assistant district attorney (circa: early '60s) Bill Alexander. Mr. Alexander, in Gerald Posner's recently published tome (*Case Closed — Lee Harvey Oswald and the Assassination of JFK*), tells the author how he purposely lied back around Jan. 22, 1964, when he planted information (or disinformation) to federal authorities investigating John F. Kennedy's murder.

He now volunteers to Mr. Posner that he and two newspaper writers (it figures!) were the instigators of the story that Lee Oswald was an undercover FBI agent, No. S-179, and that Mr. Oswald received \$200 per month in that capacity.

I am sure that the legally minded Mr. Alexander probably has his legal posterior covered from here to Hades, but shouldn't he be charged, even at this late date, with at least a Class A misdemeanor of some sort? Obstruction of justice? Abuse of authority as an officer of the court?

Mr. Alexander's rationale?

(from the book): "I never much liked the federales." Furthermore, "I figured it was as good a way as any to keep them out of my way by having to run down that phony story."

There's no telling how many thousands of dollars and hours of work Mr. Alexander caused to be spent with his little escapade. I wonder if Henry Wade and '63's Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr were aware of the facts when they were summoned immediately to Washington, D.C., as soon as this "phony story" hit the wire?

Too bad *The Dallas Morning News'* investigative news department didn't smoke out this revelation (if they weren't privy to it already) by 1965 or so. Many more of Mr. Alexander's actions of that dark period need much more scrutiny.

It's no wonder lawyers, reporters and even Dallas received such a bad rap during the years surrounding and after JFK's trip to Dallas.

MARTIN BARKLEY,  
Lubbock

## Thanks to Kay

Article 1, Sec. 9, paragraph U.S. Constitution ... "no bill of attainder or ex post facto law shall be passed."

Finally, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has seized a leadership role for the Republican Party and has sponsored Senate Bill 1524 which seeks to repeal the retroactive application of income, estate and gift tax rate increases.

All Americans owe her our sincerest thanks and support.

KEN SIKO

## Job well done

Far too often in recent months the Dallas Police Department has been criticized for not doing a good job handling some special events, particularly the 50th Bowl Parade in downtown Dallas last January. Several weeks ago the Grand Prix of Dallas was in downtown Dallas and the Dallas Police Department did a standing job in crowd and traffic control. There were close to 70,000 people at the races over the days and not one single incident was reported.

The bottom line is that I had a major event in downtown Dallas and everything went right, and our city's image is the better for it. This happened in part because of the quality and the professionalism of the Dallas Police Department.

People can point fingers if they want when things go wrong but in this case I would like to point thumbs up for a job well done.

BUDDY BLOOM  
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Grand Prix of Dallas

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