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Dusty can receive cards and letters at BAMC Mailroom, Attention: Dustin Hill/Liz Kelm, 3851 Roger Brooke Drive, Dept, 1000, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, 78234-6200, Ward #4-S.

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Learn the issues

I am not a political person, but I am one who has the desire to be informed. If any of you are unsure about an Illinois or presidential candidate, please check out this Web site: www.illinoisfamily.org. Click on voter guide. You will learn how both the Illinois and presidential candidates respond to issues that are important to you. Please become an informed and responsible voter.

Lack of compassion is obvious

I noticed in the paper on Saturday morning that flu shots will be given to eligible citizens on a "first-come, first-serve basis." In addition, the locale

for the shots is the Moose Lodge building.

Offended by Welch's campaign

I would like to comment on Mr. Welch's offensive ad campaigns that he has been running against Gary Dahl!

The right war, the right time

The Midwest has given its youth to the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. Any loss of life is a heavy cost. Would a man dare to die for a good person? That is the question President Bush asks every day. Because he represents us, we too must answer this question.

Our future -- you choose

Finally, we are coming to an end to this presidential campaign. It has been a very long, sometimes dirty, ordeal. The arguments have been made by both sides, and most of us have made up our minds. We are choosing our future as a nation, and there is no guarantees that the future will be smooth and the waters calm.

Welcomes with open arms

We would like to take this opportunity to tell everyone about a wonderful lady who recently visited our area, Zury Rios-Sosa. She has been in our county during Homestead Festival, and again, just this past Monday. As you may know, she is the fianc/ of Congressman Jerry Weller, and is, herself, an accomplished and well-respected Congresswoman in Guatemala.

Fiance is an issue

As much as Mr. Weller would love to see his engagement to Zury Rios Sosa not become an issue in his election campaign, it is a very important issue. It is an issue that every voter in the 11th Congressional District must seriously consider.

Cast your ballot from your heart

I recently came across some information on the election and thought it was important enough to share. I am a Catholic and have been hearing so much about the "Catholic vote." Up until now, I thought the reason for Catholics to embrace George Bush was the fact that he was a pro-life. However, I found out recently that George Bush is not pro-life!

'I pay for yours'

I am deeply offended by the remark made by State Sen. Patrick Welch. According to Millie Dyer, president of the Grundy County Retired Teachers' Assn., when asked to help make sure that retired teachers do not lose their health insurance benefits, Mr. Welch answered, "Why should I pay for your insurance?"

It's a long shot

Pressure is being placed on legislators to pass a massive gambling expansion proposal during the veto session. The public was fooled with the Lottery to solve school funding. However, a recent Chicago Tribune poll found that 64 percent of the voters are opposed to more gambling to solve the state's budget problems.

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