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Controversy hurting Waco

To the Editor:

For a moment, let's all lay down our swords and take a close look at what is happening here in Waco.

Economically and futuristically our city is potentially the mecca of all of Texas. Our geographic location, natural resources, ease of accessibility and overall environment are unique within our state in the truest sense of the word. According to facts, figures and statistics compiled by our Chamber of Commerce, Waco is literally on the threshold of untold greatness.

In spite of our blessings, our community is embroiled in a controversy that is drawing the scrutiny of both friend and foe alike because of the insidious actions of some of our most prominent city officials.

On one hand our Waco Tourism Committee is spending \$250,000 expounding our virtues and inviting visitors with open arms into our community. On the other hand we have paid city officials granting carte blanche to [Channel 8 reporter] Charles Duncan and other members of the media who are willing to air their personal opinions, grievances and differences in the press for all the world to see.

Do we have leadership capable of moderating and reaching amicable solutions to the controversial issues that our community is facing?

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