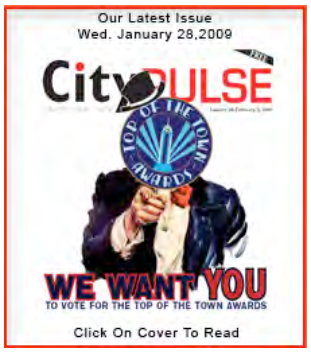

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Letters to the Editor

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Inauguration inspires

The election and inauguration of Barack Obama is seen by millions in this country and around the world as a reason to hope. As good citizens and as etiquette coaches, we include ourselves in this group. We hope for a better world, where people are more considerate toward the earth and toward each other.

Words like integrity, honesty, respect, responsibility and civility come to mind when we look to the future that is envisioned by Obama. He has reminded us that we have become too self-absorbed, too narcissistic. He has challenged us to be better and to do better. He has challenged us to act with integrity, honesty, respect, responsibility and civility toward all. Let us accept that challenge.

The problems that face the new administration are the most daunting in generations. As Obama has said, all of us must help to make the necessary changes if we are to overcome the problems.

Let us make a promise to ourselves and to our children today, that we will become better people; let us act with integrity; let us be honest in all our dealings; let us respect ourselves and others; let us be forthright in all our actions and take personal responsibility for improving the world around us; let us embrace civility in its broadest sense and remind ourselves daily of the blessings we have of living in this great country.

It is an honor to be an American citizen. Let us act with the grace that demonstrates that we deserve that honor.

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