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Making their day

My husband and I want to take this opportunity to thank the person or persons who sat in the booth next to ours, Feb. 28, at the **Columbia Family Restaurant** and purchased our lunch.

We thank you for the thoughtfulness and kindness you showed us. We hope you had a wonderful day, because you made our day a happy one.

Thanks, again.

Gerald and Judith Miller, Manor Township

Smoking ban is hypocritical

The March 7 article, "Columbia authorizes draft of ban on smoking," brought a few objections to mind.

It is disingenuous for the borough to imply that a smoking ban at playgrounds, parks and other public areas would make the air clean for children or anyone else.

Tobacco smoke is light and easily dissipates. There is certainly enough natural atmosphere to quickly evaporate tobacco smoke.

But this is really just another step by the antitobacco types to ban smoking everywhere. It also appears to be a classic example of government's "tyranny by the majority."

If Columbia Borough Council is so concerned about children's health, it would ban all entities emitting heavy, oily, ozone-laden fumes that drift into public areas within the borough limits. These include cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, snowmobiles, lawnmowers, weedeaters and barbecues. Any ban that excludes these major

pollution sources is pure hypocrisy. Think of the children.

Borough council is using tobacco smoke as a red herring for the public's consumption instead of addressing the real causes of Columbia's alleged air pollution problem.

Mark Gerasim, East Lampeter Township