



## Get real about U.S. tax code

It is the everyday consumer buying more goods and services that ultimately creates jobs by forcing the average business to hire more workers to fill the increased demand. In my 40 years in business, I never once saw a business create jobs in the hopes that business would increase.

Giving a tax decrease for the millionaires will not guarantee that they will create jobs in the hopes that we average consumers can magically spend more of our shrinking dollars in this economy. We have spent the last 30 years in this failed experiment, and it has not worked.

It is time to realistically restructure the tax code and give more money to the education system.

The United States as a nation is 17th in science and 25th in math, according to the latest statistics. That is a frightening outlook for the future of our children.

Everyone should do their fair share in supporting government even if it means paying higher taxes. We need to improve our infrastructure and our children's education to allow for true growth and stability.

**Richard Clayton**, Mountville

## Proud of my mobile home

This is in response to the letter, "Mobile home not a trailer," May 5. Thank you Esther Cowan.

I live in Pheasant Ridge, which has strict rules. Lawns must be cut and trimmed, houses must be power-washed and clean. We have a swimming pool and beautiful workout room.

My house has three bedrooms, living room, two full baths, laundry room, dining room and large kitchen. I own the house and pay ground rent.

Do not call my house a trailer.

**Thelma Cremer**, Manor Township

## Farm-preservation plans here are worth keeping

While Manor Township Supervisor Richard Bauder is entitled to his opinions regarding farm preservation, I believe the facts and future growth and land development projections show an entirely different picture. I trust he doesn't speak for Manor Township.

Mr. Bauder seems to assume that farmland is safe from development because, presently, public sewer and water are unavailable to those locations outside the urban growth area. Be assured that boundary will eventually, and by necessity, change. One merely need look at the changes that have taken place in East Hempfield, East and West Lampeter and Manheim townships over the past five decades to understand.

And while environmental restrictions are certainly more stringent than in the past (which is a very good thing), that fact doesn't negate future development -- it merely adds additional cost.

His points regarding modern farm practices and current markets, while basically correct, are irrelevant. Mr. Bauder should know that, certainly in Manor Township, allowable farm subdivisions in areas zoned agricultural are accomplished almost entirely by parceling off "road-front" lots.

To the extent that Lancaster County farmland has been preserved (in my opinion quite successfully), we owe a huge debt to those with the vision to have made it possible -- to stop now would be a serious and short sighted mistake.

Sound planning demands varied approaches, including farmland preservation. Clearly, if we don't control growth, it will control us.

**Scott Haverstick**, Washington Boro