



Why blame JoePa?

Gov. Tom Corbett must suffer from memory loss. He must have forgotten that he admitted, when he was attorney general, that he had secretly worked on the sexual-abuse case at Penn State for several years. Why didn't he do something about it then?

Once again, this proves the character and honesty, or lack thereof, of these politicians running our lives.

Anyone who has ever had a job knows there is a chain of command. Paterno passed the ball and his superiors dropped it because they didn't want to deal with a scandal.

So, how's this working for you, Penn State big wigs?

Barbara Funk, Columbia

Indiscriminate killer or life saver?

On March 8, the Intell/New Era printed a column by Jeff Hawkes titled, "When taxes conflict with religious belief."

Hawkes quoted Paul Leatherman who was a Mennonite missionary in Vietnam in 1967. Paul was particularly upset about an American aircraft that "unleashed a lethal rain of bullets" on the enemy. He called it indiscriminate killing. This war machine was nicknamed "Puff the Magic Dragon."

My mind was flooded with memories from a night long ago. It was May 28, 1967, on a hilltop ridge in Vietnam (see "Foxtrot Ridge: A Battle Remembered," by Mark W. Woodruff). A force of over 500 North Vietnamese attacked our company of 88 Marines.

Our lines had been overrun and the acting company commander, a new lieutenant, immediately called for supporting fire.

An artillery barrage began to slow the enemy advance. But it was the overwhelming fire power from Puff the Magic Dragon that lit up the night sky and saved the day.

The new lieutenant went on to become Gen. James R. Jones, commandant of the Marine Corps, Commander of NATO Forces in Europe and later director of Homeland Security.

Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Puff. And thank you General Jones.

Steve Mylin, Manor Township

Quarryville sidewalks are unneeded expense

I am writing about the curbing and sidewalks that the Borough of Quarryville is so persistent on going ahead with, no matter what the residents need, want or can afford.

I live on Summit Avenue, and I cannot cover the cost of putting in sidewalk and curbing. Then, in the winter, we will have to shovel the sidewalks. The plow will go down the street, and we will have to clear the sidewalks again.

I am a widow, 75 years old, and most of my neighbors are of that age, also. There is no need for sidewalks on this street. There are no businesses on Summit Avenue. It goes nowhere.

I had a gathering at my home last week to meet and greet some of the neighbors. Four called and said they would not be able to attend but I had 24 people here. We all had coffee and refreshments. No one wants sidewalks.

Doesn't Quarryville borough care what the residents want? After all we do live there.

We desperately need a traffic light at the intersection of State and Lime streets (Rt. 472), but it seems that has been put on hold for several years now. Quarryville had gotten three or four permits for this work to be done. The permits have since expired.

To my understanding, there have been fatalities and I feel it is more important to have that light installed. There are at least four to five accidents a month there. Where are the priorities of the borough? Lives to be saved or sidewalks that are not needed.

We are having a difficult enough time trying to pay our everyday bills, let alone adding an additional expense for sidewalks and curbing. This could be tabled and wait for another year when the economy is greatly improved. At that time, we could install a new council that could view the needs of the Quarryville residents.

The monies that have already been spent on engineering fees could also be put on hold for the time being.

This added expense has to be stopped.

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