

## *Letters to the editor*

### **Prudhomme's discount lauded**

When I sat down to the keyboard to see if I couldn't string together something a bit deeper, all I could come up with, so help me, was this: Grow up and stop whining about a piddling little nothing that harms nobody.

Well, that and the same thing I always tell people who move to Lancaster County and then cry about things like buggies and manure spreaders: It's a big country with lots of places to go. Pick one.

And shame on the paper for printing hearsay. All we have is John Wolff's word that Ms. Prudhomme "got very snotty." Which, come to think of it, is a fairly snotty accusation in itself.

I do kind of hope though that, when these people called to badger Ms. Prudhomme about her giving a discount to diners who present a church bulletin on Sundays, "snotty" was the least of it.

Long may Prudhomme's Lost Cajun Kitchen be successful and prosperous.

**Lee Powell, Denver**

### **What happens when you come across "found money"**

On June 15, I found a bank bag in the middle of an Akron street. I called the bank to tell them about it. It had no identification in it, just money.

The bank told me it probably was one of its customers of the night drop-off, and to take it there.

I told them it had no information in it, so I didn't think it was going to be put in the night box. Plus, I found it around noon. If it wasn't just recently dropped, someone would have found it before I did. I told them I was going to contact the Akron police.

So, I called the Akron police, and they said to call the West Earl police. I called the West Earl police and they told me to call the Akron police. Anyway, it was figured out that I should take it to the Akron police.

As I was getting ready to take it there, I got a call from the East Lampeter police. The bank that I called, in turn, called them and I, in turn, told them the same story. They wanted my name and birth date, and I started to get a feeling like they thought I stole it.

The East Lampeter police said they would call the Akron police and tell them I was coming. I told them they already knew I was coming, that I had called them.

When I got to the Akron station, an officer took all the information from me. She also said the East Lampeter police had called them. I guess all the people I contacted and talked to about this thought I was going to call all of them and then not show up!

Anyway, I asked the officer what the procedure was for finding lost money and she told me she wasn't sure -- which I found a little odd -- and I asked that the chief call me when he gets back, which would be on the 20th.

I asked her if I could keep it at my home, and if someone called about it, they could call me. She said I couldn't do that.

I told her that if nobody claimed the money, I would give it to a charity or a person in need -- thinking it would then be mine, to do with what I wanted.

June 20 came and went and, when I didn't hear anything by June 29, I went to the Akron Police Department. When I went in, there were two women in the office. I asked for the chief. Again, he wasn't in.

I told them what I wanted and, right away, they both said that found money that wasn't claimed was not given back to the person who found it.

I thought, if they knew that, why didn't the officer who took all the information from me know that? They told me the money is given to the state and put online on the website of unclaimed money.

I said there was no way they could do that because there was no identification with the money.

So, I left feeling very upset thinking that this money, if unclaimed, could really help someone, but instead it was going to the state, according to these women.

I would have thought maybe something would have been in the police log of the newspaper from the Akron police, so the owner would know that it was found and where to claim it. But there was nothing.

This money should go to the rightful owner. So, please, if this money belongs to you, please call the Akron Police Department. Tell them the color of the bag and name of the bank on the bag and how much was in the bag.

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