



## Confused by VP, Manti Te'o

Reading "Golf date for VP," submitted by Jack W. Coons, of Lancaster, doesn't make sense, and I'm not quite sure what the purpose of the letter was.

Manti Te'o is a great young football player heading to the NFL with a degree from Notre Dame University.

This young man got caught up in a scam and is embarrassed by it. Manti Te'o has a bright future ahead of him.

Joe Biden is the second most powerful person in the world. Sure, he sometimes put the cart in front of the horse, but who doesn't?

So, I'm not sure just what Joe Biden and Manti' Te'o's fake girlfriend playing golf together really means?

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## Pols feed at public trough

It was not at all surprising to see that Democrat Mike Sturla headed the list for pocketing monetary perks (2/11 Intell/New Era). However, I was more than a little upset that my Republican senator, Mike Brubaker, was high on the list of those who feed at the public trough.

Several years ago, Mr. Brubaker gave a presentation to a class at our church. His statements at that time indicated that he wasn't in the game for great benefits to his pocket. At that same presentation he indicated that he would be among those in the Legislature who would champion the cause of us elderly in removing the

school property tax burden, so that we could plan on keeping our homes well into the time when our funds would be shrinking. So much for the rhetoric.

You should read his nonsense in the Ephrata Review each week. He would be serving us better were he to simply eliminate the time spent in bloviating in that paper and get down to work for the good of all of us taxpayers instead of aggrandizing himself in the public domain.

He has joined the Democrats and the rest of the bunch of our representatives -- and I use that term loosely -- out for their exorbitant salary, health benefits and retirement benefits along with all the other monies that can be had in their political game.

Not printed, however, is the several hundred thousands of dollars more that he and the others have in paying their staff to be "busy" on our behalf.

For the benefits that we citizens receive, Pennsylvania would be better served if this state were to follow the example of states whose legislature doesn't provide full-time positions and the life of luxury for their representatives.

We really need reform in this state. But just think who among them in Harrisburg would vote to decrease their numbers! Anybody interested in purchasing the Brooklyn Bridge? You would have a much better chance of doing so.

Politicians, they just keep feeding at our trough.

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