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Renters do pay taxes

You have had several letters from people inferring that renters do not pay property taxes. Actually, the efficient landlord figures this expense when setting the rental. Part of the rent is recovery of that property tax.

In addition, the landlord deducts those taxes from earned income. This is why renters are included in the property tax rebate for lower income seniors. If the renter's property is a property-tax-paying property, the renter can ask for the rent rebate.

Linda Wilson, West Hempfield Township

Keep movie house alive

Numerous people have expressed sadness at the closing of the Point of View Cinema in Millersville. Might it be possible to form a community nonprofit that resurrects the Point of View like a phoenix and runs it with the mission of showing indie and foreign films?

I've no idea if the present owner plans to sell the property or intends to make upgrades and then reopen the Point of View. But it's possible that if enough people were willing to commit to such an enterprise, a nonprofit might rent the theater from the owner and take over management of it.

It would take significant volunteer support and fundraising. We'd need a board of directors that includes people who are knowledgeable about film, like Jane Holahan, Mary Haverstick, Mark Thompson.

I presume the projector system would have to be upgraded to digital, with a ballpark price of \$100K. So I'm not talking about a casually undertaken enterprise here. On the other hand, it could be done.

Len Eiserer, Millersville