

# Whitey Blue's take on booze, landfills, meteorology and more

I was talking the other day to Whitey Blue, longtime Centre region resident and hardnose.

Whitey, there have been a number of news items of local, state and national concern that I'd like to get your take on.

"Shoot."

There's been a dispute about an out-of-state firm buying land in our area to use as a garbage dump, known euphemistically as a 'landfill.' Any thoughts on that?

"They have to put it somewhere. With all the government regulations, it's getting hard to find a place to dump. The objecting residents of the area should have bought up the property themselves if they didn't want it open to a legitimate business."

The State Legislature is considering the sale of cases of beer on Sunday.

"I thought that when we got the government off our backs with the repeal of Prohibition we could buy and sell booze wherever and whenever we wanted. Maybe Pennsylvania will finally see the light. Just think of all the bucks people have been spending on booze in neighboring states!"

Government vs. private weather forecasting seems to be a matter of dispute.

"Another case of government interfering with private enterprise. It should all be private. If you can't afford to pay for weather analysis you'll just have to look outside and see what's happening."

It looks like the Pennsylvania legislature has voted themselves another pay raise.

"More power to them. Anyone who wants to reap those benefits should run for office themselves."

The Village at Penn State Life Care Community is contesting its tax assessment, saying that the Centre County assessed evaluation is too high.

"They are absolutely right, since the bulk of the tax would go to the local school district. Like I've said before, school beyond fifth grade should be privatized."

Any words of advice for Americans in view of the bombings in London?

"Yes. Stay away from public transportation."

But some people couldn't get to work any other way.

"Let them move out to a more rural area where they can walk to work."

David M. Silverman

State College

## Getting rid of Pa. property taxes

Concerning Pennsylvania's dreaded property taxes: Can't we just get rid of them forever?

I know that Rep. Marc Gergely and Senator Sean Logan have introduced legislation to remove property taxes from primary residences. grandoldusa.com, the Web site run by the STOP (Stop Taxing Our Properties) group, has vital information in conjunction with Gergely and Logan's bills. You can also reach the STOP group by calling 724-545-4862.

Hagan Smith of the Pennsylvania Constitution Party is also trying to abolish property taxes based on God-given rights in the Constitution. He has his info posted at cpbutler.com and the contact number is 724-586-9739.

Gerald Parks heads up the pateaparty.com site, and can be reached out of Benton, Pa. by calling 570-925-

5789. Personally speaking, I think it's past time to dump the tea!

There are probably many more groups across the Commonwealth to get involved with in order to implement necessary changes to keep folks in their homes, instead of having sheriff sales on their properties. Another state representative, Rep. Brian Ellis, is holding a meeting at the Butler Co. Community College on Aug. 18 at 7 to 9 p.m. to field questions and possible answers to alleviate the property tax burden of Pa. citizens.

A big thank you goes out to Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato for all he's done this year concerning this issue! My hats off to all these folks who have shown that they really care about making Pennsylvania a better place to live!

Rich Saporito

West Mifflin, PA

Make **your voice** heard in  
Central Pennsylvania

E-mail letters to the editor to [oped@voicesweb.org](mailto:oped@voicesweb.org)



## Bombay Grill



*Under new ownership*

**FINE INDIAN CUISINE**

Lunch buffet daily \$6.95 (Lunch buffet takeout \$3.95/pound)

More than 22 items (includes Indian bread walk food such as appetizers -  
bhel puri, aloo papri chat, samosa chat, potato patty and paoo bhaji)

Extensive salads, hot tea, biryani, gulab jamon and kheer in lunch buffet

**Take out food • Welcomes groups and parties • Reservations available •  
Catering for all occasions • All major credit cards accepted**

Happy Hour 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Complimentary soft drinks.

**OPEN DAILY 7 days a week**  
Carry-out menu

10% discount  
with  
student ID  
at dinner

Lunch 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

BYOB

Dinner 5 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

120 E. Beaver Ave. State College 16801

Phone: 814-237-5500 Fax: 814-237-5519

(between S. Allen & S. Pugh Streets, next to library construction)