

RUBES

By LEIGH RUBIN



"A meteor the size of a city block?! Just how stupid do I look?! Next time you want to escape these gaping jaws of death, you could at least try to come up with something a little more original."

Yosh on watching the money: I will do so on Larksville council

Editor:

As a newly elected Larksville Borough councilman, I have to take offense to published quotes that appeared in a newspaper on Jan. 18. In the article, a former councilwoman is quoted as saying "there's no one to watch where the money goes" and "council has a perfect opportunity to misuse almost \$17,000. My board absolutely, positively thinks they're going to use it for whatever they want."

These disparaging quotes if true reflect a disservice to the present borough council and are misleading the public.

Joyce Krasavage and the former recreation board served the borough well and accomplished many things and for that we on council and Larksville residents should be thankful, but to say that her former council colleagues and myself are not going to watch where borough funds are spent and misuse those funds is simply not true and is cause for undue alarm to our residents.

I do not speak for all on council but I for one will watch where all borough funds are spent and will defend against any attacks on my honesty, integrity and devotion to truth.

Joe Yosh
Larksville

Those interested in vegetarianism can get info and books at church

Editor:

This is in response to the letter "Make a New Year's resolution to replace meat with veggies" which was published Dec. 30. This is an excellent letter that was written by Wade Rosen in Wilkes-Barre.

It is encouraging to know that many people in our area are interested in a vegetarian diet. Every year the Kingston Seventh Day Adventist Church helps these people by providing a free cooking school. The church demonstrates how to prepare various vegetarian dishes and sells vegetarian cook books.

For more information about the cooking school, call 287-6647 and leave a message.

Pastor Troy Haagenson
Seventh Day Adventist Church
Kingston

Bill Vinsko Jr. will not run for state representative

Editor:

This is addressed to the residents of the 121st legislative district and the members of our community:

When you look around the Wyoming Valley, one cannot deny significant changes for the better. Those changes are the result of the hard work put forth by our community leaders. One of the people who has been instrumental, and continues to push this area forward is Kevin Blaum. It is unfortunate that Kevin will no longer be our state representative at the end of this year, and given the example and standard he has set, it has become even more important to choose a successor who will be able to give the time and the effort that he has for the past 25 years. We cannot stop the momentum.

Since December 16, 2005, I carefully reviewed the opportunity to run for this office. I looked at my family, my business, the political climate and my friends who were there to offer their assistance. I wrestled with my decision, over and over, and even met with political leaders to gain their valuable insight into what the position and what political life entailed.

Throughout my life, since I was in grade school, I knew that I would someday like to be a part of government to help, assist and lead the residents of Wilkes-Barre City, the Wyoming Valley, Northeast Pennsylvania and the Commonwealth. That dream and belief still exists and, hopefully, someday soon, I will again be presented with that opportunity.

The bottom line is this: When I took over as Assistant City Attorney, I gave it everything I had, as I still do today, in an effort to make sure that my legal advice is sound, and that the city can progress, legally, in the right direction. When I opened my law firm two years ago, I gave that same effort to that cause. Every day, I make an effort to give all that I can give to be a great husband to my wife and father to my children. In life, in order to succeed, I believe that when you do something, you have to give it your full support and attention in order to make it a success. At this time, I have made the decision not to seek the Democratic nomination for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives because of my continuing commitment to other issues, not the least of which is my family, the City of Wilkes-Barre and my growing business.

This area needs and deserves someone with dedication, concentration and someone with whom you find admiration, and when the time is right, I will move forward to seek public office as it remains my dream to work with and for my community.

To those who have offered their support, I cannot thank you enough. It is because of that support that I have made the decision to wait until I can devote the necessary time and attention. Until then, I want to continue my public service as a member of the Leighton Administration in the City of Wilkes-Barre. There is more I would like to accomplish, personally and professionally, on the local level before I seek the nomination for a position in the Commonwealth.

I would like to congratulate Kevin Blaum on his numerous accomplishments and for what he has done for this area. Kevin, you have made it possible for me, my family and so many others like us to find a future here at home.

William E. Vinsko Jr.
Wilkes-Barre

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