

More letters, Jan. 18, 2010

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Letter off base

on racetrack noise

Regarding the Jan. 8 letter, "Track opponents unfair in Millville," on the merits of the lawsuit filed over the noise generated by the New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville:

Perhaps no one who is not forced to live with the noise can understand. The letter writer opined that we already have an airport, so what's the big deal with a racetrack? First, we are not talking about a major airport here. We are talking about a small, minor municipal airport. Yes, we do hear planes occasionally. And in 10 seconds they are gone. I have never seen 20 jumbo jets fly in a one-mile circle directly over thousands of homes for eight hours at a time.

Second, the letter writer references all the jobs at the racetrack. Perhaps he is thinking of another track, because there are very few full-time jobs at the NJMP. And of the handful of jobs that pay enough to support a family, I do not believe more than two of them are being filled by Millville residents.

The plain fact is that such a disruptive business, which impacts the lives of everyone within a three-mile radius, should never have been built in such a populated area. Many of us argued against the track before it was built, but our pleas were met with deaf ears by city officials who were entranced by the developer's promise of jobs and money - which have so far proven unfounded.

The letter writer is apparently is a race car driver. I don't know him, but I'll guess that while he loves driving his noisy car around the track, he makes sure the track is not in his backyard.

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Free state registry

best for fishermen

Regarding the Jan. 8 story, "N.J. panel supports saltwater fish license":

The proposed state saltwater fishing license is just another scam attempting to separate citizens from their hard-earned dollars.

Supporters contend that if New Jersey doesn't set up its own license, then fishermen "may" have to pay for a federal license next year. You're telling me that no one in our state government can find out if the feds are going to charge a fee and if so how much it will be? What if they don't charge? What if the federal fee is \$2, as opposed to the \$15 to \$25 being proposed for a state license?

State Sen. Jeff Van Drew, D-Cape May, Cumberland, came up with a perfect solution by proposing New Jersey set up its own free registry to comply with the federal mandate. However, the money grubbers in Trenton allowed his bill to die in committee.

Supporters of the state license say the funds it would generate are necessary in order to protect our fisheries. They contend that the money will finance research that will set accurate quotas so that our waters won't be overfished. Really? None of these programs will be able to successfully monitor or protect our fisheries if commercial fishing boats from other states are still allowed to fish off our shores. It appears that the only benefit of any of these plans would be to make sure we comply with federal regulations. Van Drew's plan of a free state registry is the only sensible way to go.

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Eagles will never win

with Reid and McNabb

With the way the Eagles closed out this season, we saw how poor decisions by supposed leaders wreaked havoc on what appeared to be a legitimate run to the Super Bowl.

Just as former President George W. Bush submitted to faulty advice from the likes of Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld, Eagles owner Jeff Lurie seems stuck on having Andy Reid serve out his contract. Therefore, it is decreed that Donovan McNabb will return as the team's starting quarterback in 2010.

If Lurie truly wanted his team to win it all, he'd start fresh with a motivational coach who knows talent and one who would allow the team's first-round draft choice of a few years back, Kevin Kolb, a shot at justifying the questionable pick.

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Liberal hypocrisy clear

in response to Reid

I suppose I could get elected president because I am an American of African ancestry, "light-skinned" and have often been accused of "talking white" - at least according to what Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said about Barack Obama.

Double standard? Of course there is. Liberal blacks have bestowed upon all white Democrats immunity from any punishment or outrage when they make racist remarks. Republicans, conservatives and fair-minded independents are right to express their outrage at this double standard, but if they expect black Democrats to excoriate Reid or any white party members, they will be very disappointed. Liberal black outrage is selective. However, throughout this whole dust-up, nobody is asking if Reid is right or not. Is he?

Democrats in Washington think all this stuff they are doing against the will of the American people will be forgotten by November 2010. I don't think it will.

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