

Inside Berks (Continued)

potatoes. And yeah, the Ridge thing and the massive pressure not being brought to bear on popular and politically attractive Lieutenant Governor Mark Schweiker to run for governor and rescue the PA GOP from the much perceived charisma-less Fisher, not to mention Harrisburg's favorite current talking point; i.e.-that Ridge excels at his domestic security post and exorcises his dovish image. Cheney doesn't join the ticket again because of health and, pro-lifers be damned, Ridge is the Veep nominee in 2004 and set up for the big job in 2008 (which is supposedly Bush's clever/evil plan for taking the abortion hammer out of the hands of the Democrats when it comes to female voters), is the stuff headlines are made of. But, since United Features Syndicate hasn't called yet and asked me to take over the vitally important Harrisburg columnist beat, I guess I'll just stick to mat-

ters, this week anyway, closer to home. Will Berks Dems jump on this and other matters like a likely county tax increase, etc. to make county Republicans pay a price at the polls? Nah, too dumb and no bench talent. So that just leaves Berks Republicans to sit there, in a snit, with their little arms crossed, stamping their little feet, pouting and holding their breath till they turn blue. Like anybody in Harrisburg cares one way or another if Berks Republicans turn blue. Sure, the county party could mount some insurgent primary challenges to the State House invaders next year, make Harrisburg pay a price for this insult, remind the State GOP that the county exists for something else than to be used as a cheap trollop at state-wide and national election time. But then, that would rock the

boat, make waves, upset the wrong people, and we can't have that in Berks County, no siree, nu-uh, perish the thought. Is that absence of, for the lack of a better word, *cojones*, specific to the Berks GOP? Nope, it seems to be a trait well imbedded in the social, political and cultural fabric of the joint. And, come to think of it, it's not fair to lay this whole debacle at the feet of the current Berks GOP party leadership, who themselves are probably more mortified by this than anybody. For it takes years of yielding, decades of door mattery and eons of easy virtue to get to this sad point. So, for ten more years Berks has to live with this local Compiègne. In the interim will the Berks GOP be made an honest Party and not merely have a nickel left on the dresser? Don't hold your breath. You can reach David Kamioner at davkam007@hotmail.com

School Menus

Boyertown

(elementary and secondary)
Monday, October 1: a. chicken fry-z; b. veal parmesan; rice; peas; peaches; roll; variety milk.
Tuesday, October 2: a. sunrise sandwich; b. turkey sandwich; potato rounds; oranges; cookie (secondary); variety milk.
Wednesday, October 3: a. hotdog on roll; b. meatball sandwich; french fries; baked beans; mixed fruit; variety milk.
Thursday, October 4: a. French bread pizza; b. beef ravioli w/cheese; tossed salad w/dressing; banana; cookie; brownie (secondary); variety milk.
Friday, October 5: a. hot turkey sandwich; b. fish sandwich; mashed potatoes (secondary); green beans; cranberry sauce; blue raspberry juice bar; variety milk.



California blend; pineapple tidbits.
Tuesday, October 2: grilled chicken caesar salad; ham and cheese pita pocket; green beans/2 dinner rolls; tortilla chips w/salsa; fruit crisp.
Wednesday, October 3: veal parmesan on bun; chicken salad sandwich; hash brown; vegetarian beans; fresh fruit.
Thursday, October 4: Betty Crocker; cheeseburger macaroni; egg salad on rye; broccoli/2 dinner rolls; sliced peaches.
Friday, October 5: Manwich

Oley Valley Secondary
Monday, October 1: Steak sandwich w/sauce and cheese; swiss cheese on rye; steamed rice;

on bun; surf burger on bun; rotini; mixed vegetables; diced pears.

Oley Valley Elementary
Monday, October 1: California burger on bun; peanut butter/jelly sandwich; lettuce/tomatoes; smile potatoes/baked beans; applesauce.
Tuesday, October 2: Betty Crocker; new cheeseburger macaroni; ham on hamburger bun; lettuce salad/2 dinner rolls; fruited gelatin.
Wednesday, October 3: meatball sandwich w/sauce; Lebanon sandwich; pasta; corn; fresh fruit.
Thursday, October 4: toasted cheese sandwich; turkey on hamburger bun; tomato soup/saltine; pineapple tidbits.
Friday, October 5: pepperoni and cheese calozone; peanut butter and jelly sandwich; pizza sauce; lettuce salad; mixed fruit.

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