

One of the congressional districts serviced by the club was represented by then-Rep. Charles Schumer, the Democrat who is now one of New York's two senators. Schumer is among those leading the charge against the administration in the hearings on the firings. Why has there never been a comment from the morally outraged, vociferous Sen. Schumer about Norman?

Locally, political corruption and influence peddling is rampant. Chris Christie, New Jersey's U.S. attorney, has convicted 108 public officials in the Garden State. Is there enough space in our prisons to hold this bunch of conniving thieves?

One might possibly rationalize the 108 figure for the nation as a whole. But for a single state, the number is obscene.

Frank W. Naughton

River Edge, July 14

Regarding "It's not theirs" (Editorial, July 8) and "Border skirmish" (Page A-1, July 4):

The plight of the Shepard family of Fair Lawn is just another example of Bergen **County** wasting taxpayer money.

The **Shepards** purchased their home as-is 35 years ago, not knowing that part of the existing structure in their pool area was on **county** land -- all 8 feet of it. They have improved and maintained the property and apparently paid taxes on it.

Now the **county** wants them to vacate the 8 feet of property, which will involve the rearrangement of the entire back yard, removal of a 50-year-old cabana and pool filter piping at great expense to the **Shepards**.

For what? The **county** will not be developing the property, and the existing use does not interfere with the **park**.

Bergen **County** should drop the issue, stop wasting everyone's time and money and just lease the land to the **Shepards** for \$1 a year to make it legal.

Don Holmes

Bergenfield, July 11

The letter writer of "Quit knocking FAA plan" (**Your Views**, July 15) wrongly concludes that the primary motivating factor for the masses complaining about aircraft noise over northeast Bergen is a fear of decreasing home values. For me and those I have surveyed informally, this is certainly not the case.

The point is, are the majority going to be victimized again so the really small minority who fly weekly can shave six minutes off their flying times? Because that's what the Federal Aviation Administration estimates the new flight patterns will save in time.

Not only is this writer tone deaf to the beauty of the sounds of silence, she also clearly misses the boat on residential real estate. Prices are still decreasing in this area. I'm not saying it's due to this aircraft noise problem. But to suggest

