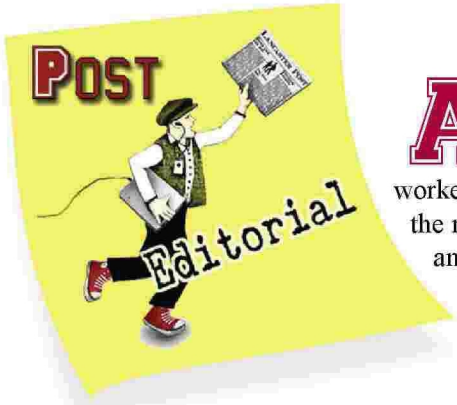

Do as I say...

At the bottom of Attorney General Tom Corbett's official website is the statement: "A person charged with a crime is presumed innocent until proven guilty."

The spectacle of former House Democratic Whip, Mike Veon, and lower level political workers handcuffed and paraded before television and newspaper cameras last week cast a bright light on the man who orchestrated the media event: Attorney General, Tom Corbett. Corbett wasn't presuming anything: according to his staged show, these people were guilty, and he wanted to let you know in certain terms.

Since taking office, Corbett has revealed a conspicuous interest in self-promotion. His official website reads more like a celebrity blog, than that of the highest elected law enforcement official in the state. Corbett lifted his campaign site slogan entirely to the attorney general's site – or is it the other way around? Who can tell? It is an open secret Corbett covets the Governor's office.



It was also Corbett, with an assist from then-Lancaster County District Attorney, Donald Totaro, who handcuffed a 70something year-old doctor named Gary Kirchner (see cover story) and humiliated the doctor in a similar way to the Harrisburg operatives.

Was it necessary for Corbett to mention the extra-marital affair of one of those charged? We think not. So why did Corbett use it?
In the case of the 'Bonusgate' issue, Corbett's main point is that those charged have used public money for political gain.
Watching Mr. Corbett, we might ask if he should charge himself with a similar action.

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