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## INTELLIGENCER JOURNAL NEW ERA:

*“Court upholds dismissal of lawsuit filed against Lancaster Newspapers”:*

*“Lancaster Newspapers is gratified that the three-judge Superior Court panel that heard the appeal determined, like the Common Pleas Court judge below, that the litigation brought by Molly Henderson against LNP lacked merit,”* said Robert M. Krasne, vice chairman of the board and interim CEO of Lancaster Newspapers.

*“Although we knew that we would ultimately prevail — and we do not yet know whether Mrs. Henderson will pursue some other appellate review — it is heartening that now four jurists have vindicated the newspapers and nine individuals, including former Mayor Art Morris and former LNP Chairman John Buckwalter,”* Krasne said.

**WATCHDOG:** As Krasne well knows, the Constitution provides the media with special immunities from libel. The decision doesn't reflect upon the truthfulness of Henderson's accusations.

Krasne's statement is consistent with the mediocre management practices of the Lancaster Newspapers, Inc. He overlooks an opportunity to make a conciliating statement and instead pours salt into an open wound.

## An Unfettered Press: Libel Law in the United States

**U. S. GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF STATE** ... The 18th-century framers of the U.S. Constitution guaranteed freedom of the press by writing that protection into the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights. Even so, the Supreme Court of the United States — the highest court in America — for years refused to protect the media from libel lawsuits by relying on the First Amendment. Instead, libel laws varied from state to state without a single coherent rule in the nation.

That all changed in 1964 when the Supreme Court issued a ruling that revolutionized libel law in the United States. The famous decision in *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan* once and for all created a national rule that squared more fully with the free press guarantees of the First Amendment. In its ruling, the Court decided that public officials no longer could sue successfully for libel unless reporters or editors were guilty of “actual malice” when publishing false statements about them...

## LETTER: Why do media overlook sexual abuse at Milton Hershey School?

*“What is truly disturbing is that while Penn State is under a microscope due to Sandusky, Milton Hershey School and its administration is given a free pass due to its considerable financial influence*

*in Pennsylvania politics.*

*“Reports confirm a disturbing history of sexual abuse at Milton Hershey School as far back as the*

1950's. In recent years the serial pedophile ——— and Milton Hershey School Houseparent and Homelife Official——— added to this long list of child abuse at Milton Hershey School, not included are the many houseparents, teachers and other staff

members who were placed on “administrative leave” due to “inappropriate sexual conduct.”

“Where is the outcry to protect the children of Milton Hershey School? Where is the National Media?”

## **New Era editors abandon capitalism!**

Article “**Supt. Rivera’s big pay day**” is sub headed “[Pedro] Rivera recently signed a five-year contract extension worth more than \$200,000 annually”.

The editor’s concede “...superintendents in two other districts – Hempfield and Manheim Township – are paid more.”

“Rivera no doubt feels he earns his pay, and it’s hard to disagree. SDL with 11,000 students and a \$71 million budget is the largest district in the county. It’s an urban district, too, one that faces the challenge of a diverse student population and poverty.”

But then the editors show their true colors, stated by Karl Marx as: “From each according to his ability, to each according to his need.”

They conclude: “But it’s also a district with a declining tax base, and that means less taxpayer money to go around for employee salaries, among other things. The SDL school board majority either failed to recognize this fact or they ignored it.”

In other words, the needs of the public trump market considerations. So either highly competent Riviera should accept less than he deserves or go work for some capitalistic school system.

## **Harrisburg Patriot-News to publish only three days each week**

**HARRISBURG PATRIOT-NEWS:** Company leaders were meeting face to face with Patriot-News and PennLive employees about whether they will be offered positions with one of the new companies that will be launching at the first of the year, the Pennsylvania Media Group and Advance Central Services Pennsylvania. The goal was to talk to every employee by the end of Monday...

More than 70 percent of employees were expected to be offered jobs within the new organization. In addition, the new companies are planning on hiring for 51 positions.

In the new company, The Patriot-News will change its print schedule to three days a week — Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday — beginning Jan. 1. At the same time, the organization will intensify its PennLive and other digital news-gathering efforts 24 hours a day, seven days a week...

**EDITOR:** *We suspect the retention rate will be down to 50% within a few years if publishing the newspaper three days a week works out, and to only 15% if only the web site is retained*

## **LETTER: Penn Square Partners and City rejected Martin Plan**

“According to [a source], both PSP and the City have rejected the Martin Plan. No real surprise here, the Martin Plan asks both parties to actually pay money towards the CC. Why would they support that?”

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