



F & M Promises No Traffic Through School Lane Hills

Concerning future development of its current athletic field, a Franklin & Marshall official has informed *NewsLanc* that “the College would be extremely sensitive to the adjacent neighborhood and would take all necessary steps to protect the attractiveness and character of School Lane Hills.”

In her communication, Nancy Collins, Vice President for College Communications, Franklin & Marshall College, went on to commit, “Extending Wilson Drive or another street as a through street to Harrisburg Avenue would be detrimental to this goal, and therefore is not an option the College will pursue.”

Gil Smart Goes Big Time!

The *New York Times*'s “Suburbia's March to Oblivion” by Dan Mitchell quotes *Sunday News* columnist Gil Smart as follows:

“The idea that the American experiment with suburban sprawl would end badly is not a new one. But the work of Mr. Nelson, as amplified by Mr. Leinberger, shows that ‘the traditional suburban model may be even less sustainable than we imagine,’ writes Gil Smart, a columnist

with *The Sunday News* of Lancaster, Pa., and writer of that newspaper's blog, *Smart Remarks*.

“But Mr. Smart has one criticism of the idea. If, he writes, ‘McMansion suburbia is on the far side of the bell curve, it ultimately becomes even harder to construct new “urbanized” developments than it already is because the people who own those McMansions will have an obvious incentive to fight tooth and nail to protect their equity. Assuming they have some.”

City Asleep at Amtrak Station Switch

When asked by *NewsLanc* what plans she has to deal with the additional overflow of commuter parking during the reconstruction of train station parking, City's Director of Public Works Charlotte Katzenmoyer acknowledged ignorance as to what is to take place and said she

would have to ask the County.

Note to Katzenmoyer: The Amtrak Station is in your city and so are the neighborhoods to be affected. Work starts soon. Please do your job.

Intell / New Era to Combine Saturday Papers

Let's hope this isn't the first step towards terminating the evening paper. In recent weeks, the *New Era* has run some good stories instead of relying on smut and vitriol.

Perhaps Editor Ernie Schreiber has been on vacation.

Campbell and Morris to Confront PSP

It was announced at the LCCCA Board meeting Thursday night that board member R.B. Campbell has been selected to accompany Authority Chair Art Morris in negotiations with Penn Square Partners over the status of certain controversial contracts regarding naming rights.

NewsLanc urges they also questions why it is that these contracts “gift” half of the proceeds from future State Convention Center grants to

PSP, and give S. Dale High himself the “right of first offer” with respect to naming rights. **Tax payers may be ripped off by as much as \$10 million!**

Fry said that Morris and Campbell will make a presentation to the Marketing Committee on Thursday, March 20, about the substance of those negotiations.

FBI Moves Luna Case to Philly; DA Has No File or Interest

Lancaster District Attorney Craig Stedman told *NewsLanc* that he understands that the Jonathon Luna murder case was now being handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Philadelphia. He says there is no file on the case.

Bill Keising, author of *The Midnight Ride of Jonathan Luna*, commented: “We have to get to

the bottom of all the issues surrounding the death of Jonathan Luna if we want to solve his murder. It’s unacceptable that the FBI refuses to investigate this case properly. We obviously need Congressional hearings to understand the roles played by all the parties involved.”

Commissioners Punt on “Rails-to-Trails” Project

In response to a question from *NewsLanc* regarding whether they have considered taking steps to move forward the stalled “rails-to-trails” project on the old Norfolk Southern rail line in the southern end of the County, the Commissioners acknowledged they have not.

While Commissioner Craig Lehman agreed that the rail trail would be a wonderful and attractive “amenity” for both residents and visitors, he said, “I don’t see any other way to go

forward” than to wait for the relevant municipalities to work towards a solution.

The previous Board of Commissioners unsuccessfully attempted to acquire the 23-mile stretch of land by eminent domain in 2005, but was successfully challenged by the municipalities in court. The County attempted to appeal the decision in 2006 but the ruling was upheld by an appeals court.

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