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## NewsLanc publisher goes to prison!

With discussions in mind of whether to build a new prison or possibly an auxiliary facility in Lancaster, Robert Field visited the San Pedro Prison in La Paz on June 16th. It was part of a three day tour of the *Save the Children* projects in Bolivia.

The prison is more like a community, with areas set aside for prisoners and their families. The children attend a nearby school, and spouses are permitted to come and go at will.

Approximately 200 children reside at the prison. The inmate population is about 1200.

Most prisoners are allowed free access to the extensive common areas. There are small stores operated by inmates. There are lounges where inmates watch movies on television. Prisoners wear casual clothing rather than uniforms.

**Very little violence is reported, and this is attributed, in part, to conjugal visits and live-in families. Also, the level of recidivism is far lower than in the USA.**

*Save the Children* conducts a program for youth to generate self esteem and assist them in envisioning a productive future.

## Partner at Barley Snyder LLC accused of unethical behavior

In an e-mail dated June 23 from William J. Cluck, attorney for the Rail Road Action & Advisory Committee (TRRAAC), to Charles B. Haws, an Associate at the law firm of Barley Snyder LLC, Cluck charges actions by a “partner” of Barley Snyder as an “ethical breach.”

Cluck further states: “*In all of my 20 years of practice I have never been associated with such underhanded tactics.*”

Barley Snyder represents Franklin and Marshall College in its efforts to relocate the Norfolk Southern rail yard onto the former location of an

asbestos dump in close proximity to a number of residences.

**TRRAAC has long requested that an independent study be made to determine whether there is a better alternative site that could save tax payers tens of millions in the cost of relocating materials from the existing dump under the wooded area.**

At issue was the unidentified attorney representing the opposing side remaining at the meeting after Cluck had announced that he would be reviewing attorney privileged information with his TRRAAC client.

## Sad message with our newspaper

Saturday morning we and others received a separate message with the combined *Intelligencer Journal/New Era* Saturday edition: “*Due to changes at Lancaster Newspaper I will no longer be your carrier beginning June 29...I have enjoyed being your carrier.*”

The *Intell* arrives punctually every morning at

our front door. We don't have to walk a step to pick it up. We could reach out and grab it while in our pajamas or night gown!

Of course the consolidation is essential so that Lancastrians can continue to enjoy a single daily newspaper. One daily is common for most cities; and, sadly, some have none.

### EDITORIAL: City Council proposes underfunded streetcar study

Once again the big “E” business establishment seems to be playing the same game of bait and switch from behind the scenes.

They would have us believe they are going to do an economic and engineering study for the proposed streetcar system for \$40,000. That might be sufficient for the preliminary engineering portion, but it would not begin to cover the cost of a legitimate feasibility study.

What we need to know is streetcar experiences elsewhere (dismal as *NewsLanc* has reported in several articles); the construction cost and sources for the money; revenue, expenses, debt service and any operating deficits; and the impact on traffic, public safety, downtown

business, and quality of residential life.

**This essential information will only be learned from a legitimate Feasibility Study which, in itself, is going to cost much more than \$50,000, perhaps close to \$100,000 in itself!**

Seems to us this is once again a sleight of hand, an attempt to interpret findings from a report far beyond the scope of its study to justify a preconceived notion. In sort: grist for a *Lancaster Newspapers* propaganda campaign.

*NewsLanc* encourages the City to order a true Feasibility Study from an acknowledged authority in the field. But it ain't going to come cheap

**NEW ERA:** Its banner headline on June 9th reads: “**Feeding poor gets tougher**” and goes on to say “*Local agencies that provide food for needy facing longer lines, fewer donations. Among the hungry these days: more families with children.*”

**WATCHDOG:** A wag of the tail for this well researched and articulated article.

Over the past half year, the *New Era* has turned away from sensationalism and the salacious. Instead, it has published a series of excellent in depth articles on the social safety net.

We judge the *New Era* in its final days to have become as good and, in ways, perhaps a better newspaper than the *Intelligencer Journal*.

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