

The Economic Viewpoint

Back Mountain needs a broader tax base

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN

21st Century Life in the Back without attention today being given to planned economic growth. Ba-Back Mountain has not paid significant attention to ways to stimulat conomic growth, thus improving the tax base of the area and encouraging an economy which can meet the needs of the fastest growing part of Luzerne

Broadening the tax base is not an easy function. It requires long range planning which can identify land most suitable for economic development of the type desired by the municipality and its citizenry. The completion of the Cross Valley Expressway has made it even more apparent that the Back Mountain new conomic development which help provide employment within the area in addition to alleviating fiscal and tax burdens of the mmunity.

well as school board members in Lake-Lehman and Dallas should join together to form an economic nomic objectives. development task force and work Citizens Council with respect to areas could reinforce one another Route 309, it is almost an accident that such development happens district areas.

and it may not necessarily be in

the best interest of the area. Mountain will not be complete can have a negative impact which activity. The Greater Wilkes-Barre can generate traffic and cause other types of access and egress probsically a bedroom community, the lems and other problems of difficulty to the area. Planned economic development, on the other hand, can be a major positive partners in this regard. The Ecoaddition to the Back MountaIn landscape, affording positive opportunities to blend these uses of (EDCNP) can be a source of inforliving in the Back Mountain today Community Development of and those who are the future generations of Back Mountain citi-

A task force specifically charged with examining new economic toward this goal by developing a specifically attract a type of ecomay well be a suitable location for nomic growth desired. It could of urgency as well as a long range develop an assets and liabilities analysis which could go a long way likely areas for economic growth Local governmental officials as and encourage appropriate devel-

closely with the Back Mountain officials from those school district occur which would benefit both

Existing technical support is available from organizations in the Strip commercial development region to assist in this type of Partnership and its constituent organizations such as the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and the Committee for Economic Growth can be helpful nomic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania land for the betterment of those mation and support. The Office of Luzerne County and other organizations can be called upon to provide assistance with respect to this

As the new century quickly development potential could work appears, the time is immediate for establishing a Back Mountain marketing strategy designed to Economic Development Task Force, one which will have a sense perspective, designed to focus attention on a critical issue for the toward making the task easier to betterment of the area's future. achieve. It could help designate Appropriate economic development is as important a consideration as water resources, waste manageopment techniques which could be helpful in implementing eco-and a host of other vital community needs which have been iden-By working closely together, tified by many groups as important to the Back Mountain.

Special attention to economic this issue. While economic devel- and strengthen the likelihood that growth and the implications for opment continues to occur along planned economic growth could the Back Mountain's continued prosperity is a task whose time



Dallas Rotary hosts Rotarians from India

The Dallas Rotary hosted a Rotary group study exchange team from India at a recent zone meeting held at Grotto Pizza at Harveys Lake. Eleven area Rotary Clubs were at the zone meeting. Shown from left are, front row: Sonalini Mirchandani, Amee Parikh, Dr. Chand Nair, Shirish Sawale. Back row: Ashish Bhasin, Pritan Lalwani, exchange group leader; Howard Stom, incoming president of the Dallas Rotary. (Post Photo/Eric Foster)





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Library news

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By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

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free'. This will continue for the it to mean. present time. A new addition, the selection of fairly new, clean ficfor sale at this special price now. the Gettysburg Address.

Both of the book store rooms will be open for browsing and ize the gruesome battle. Instead he buying on Wednesdays and Satur- gave the whole nation "a new birth days, from 10 to 5. In addition to offreedom" by tracing its first birth bondsman—and sees she has more these sale rooms in the basement; to the Declaration of Independ-

there is a special shelf of hard ence (which called all men equal) covers and one of paperbacks, rather than to the Constitution practically new, for sale in the office area of the library. The year once again with the Book hardcovers range in price from \$2

a story that explains how Lincoln The Special Book Sale Room wove a spell that has not, yet, been features, 'Buy a bag of books for broken. The Civil War is, to most \$1.00 and receive the second bag Americans, what Lincoln wanted

Wills shows how Lincoln came intellectual revolution, how his tion and non-fiction for sale at words had to and did complete the slice a book. These were dona- work of the guns. The power of auction and we are offering them compelling demonstration than in

Lincoln was asked to memorial-

(which tolerated slavery). A history masterpiece.

"Rum Punch" by Elmore Le-Booth in particular netting a larger to \$5 and the paperbacks are 50¢ onard is a Book Club purchase written by the greatest living writer New books at the library: "Lin- of crime fiction. It is the story of auction this year and we have coln at Gettysburg; The words that Jackie Burke when her future looks replenished our downstairs book remade America" by Garry Wills is grim. She has been a flight attendant for 20 years and she is down to working for an island-hopping airline the day she lands at Palm Beach International with 50 grand and is taken into custody. The Feds know she works for a man second book store room will have a to change the world, to effect an who sells machine guns to bad guys but they don't know his name.

Jackie looks at her options; she can tell what she knows about the tions that arrived too late for the words has rarely been given a more gun dealer and get off-or if he suspects you are talking about him, you're dead. She can keep her mouth shut and do five years. Then she meets Max Cherry-late fifties, recently separated and a bail options than she thought.

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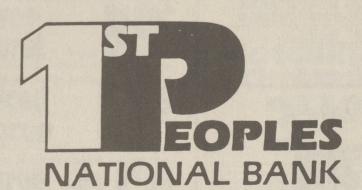
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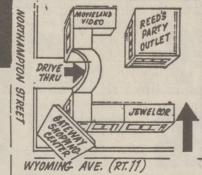
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