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Pension Pains



Allen Papp



Mark Blunda



Perth Amboy
City Hall Circle

PERTH AMBOY - City Attorney Allen Papp who has tried cases in Perth Amboy municipal court for thirty years came before the Council on September 24. He placed on the railing a thick folder and in that folder was a letter mailed to him that stated benefits that he had been receiving would be terminated. Papp could not understand why this was happening, especially after City Attorney Mark Blunda was approved for benefits.

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said a revised letter would be sent to Papp and other attorneys who were sent termination letters.

Fehrenbach said City Attorney Mark Blunda withdrew from the City Pension system. Papp also stated that the information of the ruling given by the courts in regards to this matter was incomplete and inaccurate.

Papp also stated that he doesn't blame the attorneys for the inaccuracies in the initial letter he received about termination of his benefits.

"I've been a City employee for thirty years and discontinued my private insurance after twenty-five years."

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez who is also a City Attorney said we should look at all of the attorneys that have been in the City's court system for many years who he believes should be entitled to keep the benefits they have.

At the September 26 Council Meeting Papp said that anyone who got letters stating that their medical benefits would be terminated can appeal this decision.

Councilman K. Gonzalez agreed that we should protect individuals that are vested in the system, even if the ones that are retired such as Papp.

Silber Questions Press Conference Held at City Hall Circle

PERTH AMBOY - When Mayor Diaz held her press conference on Wednesday 9/19/12. Alan Silber wanted to know if any permits were issued.

Silber was concerned because it was a political event that had nothing to do with the City.

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said that permits were not issued for the event held that day.

In the future, any events held in City Hall Circle will have to go through the Office of Human Resources for a permit. Kenny Ortiz is in charge of that department. He would be the one who issues those permits. People will have to register to use the park.

See Editorial
Regarding last
week's story,
"War of the Words"



PERTH AMBOY - 40 Local women gathered at City Hall Circle to defend Billy Delgado against Mayor Diaz's accusations
*Photo by Paul W. Wang

Tideland Grants Completed in South Amboy

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - During his opening comments at last week's council meeting, Mayor Fred Henry announced that the city of South Amboy has officially finished work on the Tideland grants.

Concerns from local residents grew back in July when a grant from the Bureau of Tideland Management was pending approval for the city. Lori Papernick was one of the more vocal residents, saying that people were losing sales on their homes because of the problem and weren't getting title insurance.

Since then, the city worked relentlessly trying to solve the issues and bring it to a close. Mayor Henry praised the work of Law Director John Lanza and City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and was happy to announce that everything was taken care of.

"Recently there have been talks about the Tideland grants near the waterfront. At this point the Tideland Grants have been completed and filed and everything is as it should be," Henry said. "I want to thank



Tom Cross addresses
the Council

*Photo by Joseph L. Kuchie

Law Director John Lanza and City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz for all the time they put in for this. It's a long time coming but it is finally at a close."

Councilmen at Large Mickey Gross also thanked them for their hard work, and explained to the public that the process was a lot harder than it seemed. Gross also acknowledged the work of Mayor Henry through everything that was done.

"We should add our Mayor to that list of names. He did a lot of work on that project," Gross said. "A lot of people from

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Tom O'Leary Sentenced

SOUTH AMBOY - A 30 month sentence and a \$12,000 fine was given to former executive director for the South Amboy Housing Authority Thomas O'Leary. Also imposed upon O'Leary will be 3 years of supervised release.

In March 2012 O'Leary pleaded guilty to tax evasion. He also pleaded guilty to a conspiracy to defraud the Federal Election Commission.

In 2006 Perth Amboy Mayor Joseph Vas ran for a congressional seat. O'Leary participated in a scheme to recruit straw donors for Vas' campaign. Vas is currently serving time on State and Federal Cor-



Tom O'Leary

ruption charges.

O'Leary also conspired with an insurance broker to help him recruiting the straw donors.

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Harbor Lights Ball Held at Woodbridge Renaissance Hotel

By: Joseph L. Kuchie
WOODBRIDGE - The Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation held the 28th annual Harbor Lights Ball at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel on September 29th.

The foundation selected six honorees to present awards for their commitment to Raritan Bay Medical Center and the surrounding communities. Gregory Ficarra, Deborah Tripod, Mark Niemiera, Jack and Carol Hila, and Vanessa Mendez were each honored for their extraordinary work and dedication.

Nearly 500 people turned out for the Gala, which had a "Cirque du Sante" theme and featured live music, cirque performers, dancing, and a silent auction. Rozalia Czaban and Joseph Britton, co-chairs to the Gala committee, agreed that it was more than just a ball.

"It's not just an event," said Czaban, who is a co-chair for the first time this year. "It's the biggest fundraiser of the year but it's a lot of fun with different performances and dancers. It's really just a spectacle."

According to the Foundation's website, all the proceeds from the event went to the medical center's Broadening Our Vision, Securing Our Future construction and renovation project. Robert Durso, another co-chair to the Gala, described the celebration as "spectacular" and said the money would be going to a new facilities in both Old Bridge and Perth Amboy.

"This is our way of giving back to a community that has been so great to us," Durso said. "It's the ultimate event of the year, and it's something that is extremely needed for our hospitals."

Woodbridge Mayor John McCormac was on hand to take part in the festivities. He was honored that the Raritan Bay Medical Center foundation once again chose Woodbridge to host such a high-end event.

"Without a major hospital in our town, it's great that Raritan Bay Medical Center has made a commitment to Woodbridge to host this event," McCormac said. "It's a great event for the right cause, and we are very proud that our own Greg Ficarra is an honoree."

Ficarra, who was honored with the Humanitarian Award, is currently Woodbridge

Township's Council President. He was previously the director of health, physical education, nursing and athletics in the Perth Amboy public schools and dedicated 30 years to working in the school system.

"It's been a pleasure to be in such a great community for so long," Ficarra said. "It's really a gift to have the ability to help the community, and it's great that I can be honored for doing something I love."

Despite all the things Ficarra did for Perth Amboy, he explained that his most memorable moments involved former students coming back to the city. His best feeling, he said, was seeing those children come back and be successful.

"I think some of the best moments over the years have been seeing former students come back to Perth Amboy and succeed," Ficarra added. "Some of the doctors here today are former students and it's really important to see those kids become successful."

Carol and John Hila were also honored with the Norman Tanzman Award for their contributions to the medical center and city. Carol is the president of Woodbridge Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, and John was the former Deputy Attorney General and Outside Counsel to the Department of Transportation.

"My husband and I are very honored to receive such a great award. Raritan Bay was and still is an important part to both of our lives, and it meant so much to us to be apart of this tonight," Carol Hila said. "The event is phenomenal and they always do a great job of putting it together."

Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz was also on hand to congratulate the honorees and help with the Raritan Bay benefit. "It's a really special evening," Diaz said. "There are so many great people here supporting the hospital and we are here to do all we can to help Raritan Bay."

Margaret Nolan, a long-time contributor to the foundation, comes from the Victoria Health Care Center in Matawan. She believed the event was a great mix of both business and community.

"This is certainly a top-shelf event," Nolan said. "It's a venue where both business and community can come together and celebrate what Raritan Bay has done."

Tidelands

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my office were talking about it and it was a lot harder than you guys made it seem. You did a great job. You made it look simple and my hat is off to you."

During the public comments, many residents raised concerns about the recent Optimum cable box prices. Resident Tom Cross of Second Street brought it to the council's attention that Optimum was charging \$7 per box in every home.

"Optimum is raising the prices and forcing us to get a cable box for every television we have in our homes. If you have five televisions in your home, that's \$35 on top of the outrageous price they already charge" Cross said. "They are charging this ridiculous amount, but don't they have to come through you to have this happen?"

Resident Eileen Ryan brought clarity to the situation, saying that if residents already have a box, you don't have to pay the extra charge. The only residents that will have to pay the extra \$7 per box are those who didn't have the box to begin with.

The next South Amboy council meeting will be held tonight, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Music at

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SOUTH AMBOY - On Sunday, October 14, 2012 4PM James S. Little, Organist Critically acclaimed concert organist James S. Little makes his debut performance on Saint Mary's historic 1883 Jardine and Sons pipe organ. The Concert will be at Saint Mary Church

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Little, who is the Organist/Choirmaster at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit, NJ, will perform works by Bach, Mendelssohn and others. Don't miss hearing this virtuosic organist play on one of New Jersey's finest pipe organs!

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Mayor Diaz, as chairperson of the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency, was instrumental in drafting the request for proposals that lead to Viridian Partners becoming the redeveloper of more than 100 acres of brownfield property here in Perth Amboy, cleaning up the environment, bringing three new warehouses to our city and converting our port space to a productive use.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

- 1.) *For Every Action there is a Reaction*
- 2.) *Breaking the Glass Ceiling*
- 3.) *There are Still Six Candidates*

Two different groups of women, each representing candidates running for Mayor - one who is running for reelection and one who is hoping to be elected to be the next Mayor.

At the Perth Amboy City Hall Circle, Mayor Diaz brought in women politicians and community leaders from different counties and Trenton.

Billy Delgado had local women who supported him. They also met at the City Hall Circle one week after Mayor Diaz' Press Conference.

This all started with harsh e-mails sent to the Mayor being very critical of her competency.

I want everyone to listen to this VERY CAREFULLY.

Sometimes you can be your own worst enemy. Always consider the source where the criticism came from. It's up to you to determine the validity of the source.

Criticism can come in different forms, constructive or destructive.

I can't remember the author of this book but it had to do with successful individuals from all walks of life. If I can recall, one of the individuals in this book was told by someone, "You'll never amount to anything." Those words made that individual determined to prove who made those cruel comments wrong.

Getting back to my original thought. One candidate has already broken the glass ceiling. The fact of the matter is: Wilda Diaz is the first female Mayor of Perth Amboy. Nothing can take that away from her and she did take down a powerful man who had been in office for eighteen years.

I know that some of the women that she brought to Perth Amboy to speak were glass ceiling women, too.

The women who spoke in Billy Delgado's defense were also accomplished women. I bet their are women in Del-

gado's group who broke the glass ceiling also.

Success is the one factor that was common in both groups of women. That is something to be very proud of.

Glass Ceiling Women: Golda Meir, Margaret Thatcher, Susan B. Anthony, Shirley Chisholm, Susana Martinez . . . (fill in your own)

We as women are fortunate at least in my opinion that we live in the United States. There are so many other places in the world where women are so mistreated. Here are some examples.

Female genital mutilation or female circumcision, a "coming of age practice" is performed by certain cultures. In a British Newspaper, "The Guardian," the headline of a July 24, 2010 the article says, "British girls undergo horror of genital mutilation despite tough laws." The article states, "Cleanliness, neatness of appearance and the increased sexual pleasure for the man are all motivations for the practice. But the desire to conform to tradition is the most powerful motive."

While in the United States it is illegal. Can you imagine being twelve years old, being mutilated. Often this is done with unclean sharp instruments without any anesthesia. Imagine watching your blood flow out of your body while screaming in unimaginable pain.

We came across a blog entitled, "No Country for Women." The article is called "It's a girl!" "Kill her". The article written by Taslima Nasreen states "The United Nations estimates as many as 200 million girls are missing in the world today because of gendercide." Girls are being killed simply because they are born girls. To read the entire article, Google the author, Taslima Nasreen.

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Clearing the Fog

I haven't engaged in any kind of political activity for quite a few years. But with large number of candidates running for office of Mayor, not to mention City Council, and the potential for great confusion on election day, when we also vote for President of the United States. I would like to clear some of the fog.

I know for a fact that Mayor Wilda Diaz loves the City of Perth Amboy much more than how happy she's been being Mayor of the City of Perth Amboy. To her, being mayor is a precious job which is never finished because there is always something new on the horizon to deal with pertaining to city affairs. I've heard many people say that she is not a good politician, but that alone does not make her a bad Mayor.

Believe me that it takes a full term to learn the job of mayor and that it takes just as long for a City Council member. That's why a Mayor or Council member may run for additional terms of office. In Perth Amboy, because we operate under the "Faulkner Plan B" form of government, which no longer exists, there are no term limits. Perth Amboy would have to change its form of government in order to impose term limits.

Among the other candidates with whom I'm familiar, I have nothing negative to say, Rev. Bob McCoy is a wonderful person with high intelligence, and the same could be said for Billy Delgado. But what Mayor Diaz has that they don't have is experience with a very difficult town to govern. For instance, not enough is being done about quality of life

issues, and sometimes with all the noise in my neighborhood from a nuisance restaurant across the street, it seems like I'm living on Route 34 instead of High Street. The noise is a disgrace. I'm willing to give the mayor four more years to rectify that kind of problem because she knows that this is a residential community and is not supposed to be a place for loud dancing and carrying on. Some people actually need their weekend sleep so they can carry on with their normal business, like going to church on Sundays. Something like that is not easy if you've been kept awake by the loud thumping of music and noisy customers congregating in the parking lot. And the cars with loud boom box radios which drive up and down our streets with ridiculously loud music should be pulled over and ticketed and forfeit their radios and loudspeakers. Yes, I'm willing to give the mayor four more years to address those problems, but they must be addressed.

Perth Amboy used to be a city with class. Presently, it's becoming a crass city. The citizens have to be educated about how to keep our city relatively quiet and clean. When you walk down Smith Street, all the black spots you see are chewing gum people have spit onto the sidewalk. It's a shame common sense does not prevail, and it is a sad state of affairs when have to be taught not to do something so crass and disgusting. I'm willing to give the mayor four more years to institute a program addressing these problems.

The mayor has been busy trying to deal with our fiscal crisis and with city budgets in trying to control taxes. Ap-

parently there has been little time for addressing the type of issues listed above. Also, our mayor is the first mayor in a very long time to appreciate historic sites. She supports them and understands that if promoted correctly, they have the potential to bring many tourists into the city. This requires more work over the next four years, including establishing a city museum.

Mayor Diaz should be allowed to finish things she has started, and to begin addressing the matters set forth above inasmuch as she has a firm grasp of the nature of Perth Amboy's financial woes. It's really time to make our police more visible by having policemen doing their foot patrol as a deterrent to littering, spitting gum, and general disorderly conduct. The public has to see their presence. Then maybe the kind of group I saw last week by Sovereign bank and the post office would disappear. While sitting in my car I was approached by someone with a large knapsack asking me if I wanted to buy a pie. Imagine, mobile grocery stores?!! Or at least, we've had mobile desert stores.

Study your sample ballot carefully this year as I feel it may cause much confusion with so many names being on the various lines of the ballot. It's legal to bring your sample ballot into the voting machine with you. Let's give the mayor another four years, and if she doesn't get the job done, we'll have a vast array of candidates to choose from in 2016.

Very truly yours,
Jack M. Dudas, Esq.
Former Council Member
City of Perth Amboy

United States Marine Band

WOODBIDGE - The United States Marine Band will be performing on Friday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Woodbridge High School Gymnasium. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for ticket holders. Open seating after 7:15 p.m. To obtain FREE tickets contact Jack McGreevey at Senator Joseph F. Vitale's office or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Office of Senator Joseph F. Vitale and Asm. Craig J. Coughlin, Attn: Jack McGreevey, 569 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge, NJ 07095. Tickets are limited. You may pick up tickets directly after Sept. 28. For more info call 732-855-7441.

Domestic Violence Response Team Service

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Police Department Domestic Violence Response Team cordially invite the citizens of Perth Amboy & Middlesex County to a Mass for victims of family violence in memory and honor of those who suffer in silence and those who ultimately lost their lives through family violence. Sunday, October 14,

10 a.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy. Speaker Police Chief Ben Ruiz. Honorees, Jean Dunn, founding member of the Woodbridge Domestic Violence Response Team and Police Captain Margaret "Peggy" Schmidt. A reception will follow the service. All are invited.

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HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m. Anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone infected with HIV is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the hospital's Perth Amboy Division, New Brunswick Avenue.

To register or for more information, call (732) 324-5022.

Kearny Cottage Open

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy	
WED. Oct. 3	Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
THURS. Oct. 4	Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
MON. Oct. 8	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Oct. 9	Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
WED. Oct. 10	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Oct. 11	Board of Education, 6 p.m. Perth Amboy High School, Eagle Ave.
South Amboy	
WED. Oct. 3	City Council, Regular 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway



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Concerned Women Blast Mayor Wilda Diaz for Poor Judgment

Press Release: 9/27/12

PERTH AMBOY – A group of concerned women held a press conference in front of City Hall this afternoon to question the judgment of Mayor Wilda Diaz for suggesting that her personal dispute with a former campaign aide was comparable to the struggle of women across the country for equal rights.

“It is laughable that Mayor Diaz would expend city resources to hold a press conference and declare that she is in a long line of oppressed women because of an unflattering email she received from a former campaign aide,” said Ana Mascenik, a City Council candidate running on the ticket with mayoral aspirant Billy Delgado. “And then to add insult to injury she tries to blame Delgado for the tone of the email.” Mascenik continued: “I think a more important point for the residents of Perth Amboy is how much did her political farce cost the taxpayers. She utilized the police force to close off several streets near City Hall so she could play out her political soap opera. My message to Mayor Diaz is that the residents want to know about your plans to lower taxes, about your plans to redevelop the city about your vision for the city.”

Obi Gonzalez, an elected member to the Perth Amboy Board of Education, said “the relevant issue here is performance not gender.” She

continued: “Mayor Diaz has done a poor job of managing our city for the last four years. Her deeply flawed administration is not a reflection on all women but rather a reflection on her inability to lead the City of Perth Amboy.”

Linda Cruz, retired teacher and long life resident of Perth Amboy said, “I do not condone the consultant’s action, however, I know Billy Delgado, his wife Marilyn and his daughter Ariana and I know he has the highest regard for all women. Mayor Diaz has set the struggle for women rights back by her actions.”

Milady Tejada, a member of the Perth Amboy Board of Education, said: “As an elected leader, I was sad and disappointed that the Mayor brought all these powerful elected women to Perth Amboy under a false pretense. Mr. Delgado is not responsible for the incident and this matter is unrelated to the historic oppression of women.”

Last week, Mayor Diaz held a press conference with state elected officials and publicized a private email in which a former employee questioned her ability and competence to lead. The former Diaz employee now supports Billy Delgado for mayor. Mayor Diaz attempted to blame the candidate for the sentiments expressed in the email and cast it as part of the historic oppression of women.

Statement from Lebreault, Gonzalez, Tejada and Varela

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Regrettably, Dr. Janine Caffrey continues her unending attack on the Perth Amboy Board of Education. This time, she has taken a preliminary legal process, turned it upside down, and continues to mislead the public in the hopes that she will create public sympathy for herself. Two weeks ago, an administrative law judge made an initial decision as to whether or not the Board of Education acted legally when on May 7, 2012, it suspended her. She presented many arguments to the administrative law judge in an attempt to misdirect the judge’s legal analysis of the case. The administrative law judge was not persuaded by Dr. Caffrey’s arguments. Thus, the judge ruled (on all counts) in favor of the Board of Education.

She has belittled that decision in another attempt to misdirect attention from her wrong-doings and incompetence and has instead misled the public by stating that an important decision was yet to come; namely that the Ethics Commission would rule on the merits of allegations made by her. When Dr. Caffrey made this statement, she already knew that many of her ethics charges against several board members would be dismissed, while others would most likely continue onward to the next phase of the process. Thus, she attempted to dupe the public into thinking that the decision that went against her was meaningless. Dr. Caffrey wrongly and inaccurately used the Commission’s decisions as her vindication.

The Ethics Commission decisions plainly indicate the following: The preliminary determinations are not decisions on the merits. The Commission conducted an initial review to determine if probable cause existed, should the allegations

be proven later. It is important to note that the Commission already dismissed many of Dr. Caffrey’s claims in their entirety. The allegations have yet to be proven by the facts and evidence that she must produce before an administrative law judge. We are certain Dr. Caffrey will not be able to prove her allegations in any court of law.

It should also be noted that in the various complaints, if no probable cause was found as to an act prohibited under the statute, or if no prohibited act was alleged (only ethic code violations), the Commission did not make any determination. Instead, the Commission transmitted the matter to the Office of Administrative Law for a plenary hearing; which has yet to take place. Thus, Dr. Caffrey has attempted to take advantage of our court system process by spinning a web of misdirection to conceal her unfortunate shortcomings. The Perth Amboy Board of Education refrained from comment-

ing on her attacks because it does not serve our community to litigate this matter in the court of public opinion. However, it was the majority of this Board that during her interviews felt that she should be given an opportunity to spearhead our continuing effort to turn the academic fortunes of the District around, and it is the majority of this Board that has for many months realized that she is not capable of handling the leadership role that we gave her. Therefore, the Perth Amboy Board of education board hired her, evaluated her, and found that she lacks many of the attributes necessary for such a lofty task.

These statements are not meant to represent the opinion of the Perth Amboy Board of Education. Rather, the above statements are made on behalf of Samuel Lebreault, Obdulia Gonzalez, Milady Tejada and Israel Varela who are board members and implicated by Dr. Caffrey’s allegations.

Kerry Dyke No. 1 in New Jersey!



PERTH AMBOY - This Saturday, the Six Flags Wild Safari Invitational Cross Country Race took place, featuring 130 school teams from eight different states. The best individual performance for a New Jersey team was Kerry Marie Dyke of Perth Amboy! As a result of Kerry’s run at this Great Adventure Invitational, Kerry is now first in rankings out of the entire State Of New Jersey. As the top of the top NJ Cross Country Runners, Kerry also is classified an Elite Runner, a reference standard for top XC athletes. And in addition to all this, on Saturday Kerry broke the Mount St. Mary’s Academy school record. Kerry made headlines in the Sunday Star Ledger.

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Rally for Senator Bob Menendez

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a campaign rally for Senator Bob Menendez Mon. Oct. 8 at 4 p.m. at the Iron Workers hall corner of Market and Wilson Sts.

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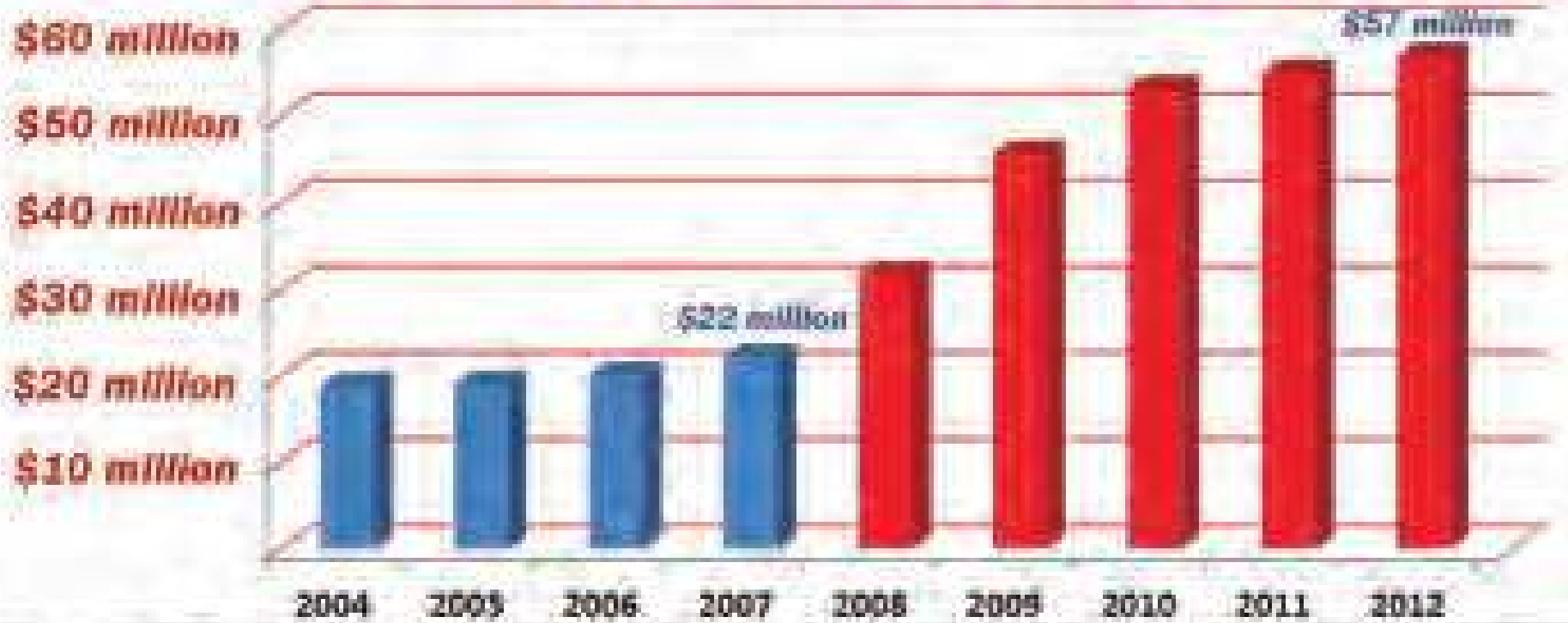
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Wilda Diaz **Doubled** Municipal Taxes in Just Four Years!



Total Municipal Taxes Wilda Diaz Doubled Perth Amboy Taxes

Wilda Diaz was elected on May 13, 2008 and among her first acts, she raised taxes 26%

Wilda Diaz raised taxes five times in four years, and her claim about reducing the city's \$250 million debt by \$54 million is sheer fantasy. She started with \$181 million in debt and raised it to what will probably be \$230 million by the end of this year. Taxes increased from \$32 million in 2008, when she was elected, to \$57 million in 2012, when she must be fired. That \$25 million Diaz tax hike is nearly double and it is as much as the entire tax increase that took place over the decade prior to her election.

Billy Delgado's plan for a transit village, the Celotex redevelopment and working with Buckeye Partners will reverse this tax hike trend and stop sinking the city deeper in debt. Billy can adjust expenses to radically reduce the current bond costs and get municipal finances under control.

That will enable him to address critical public safety problems in a way that get solutions, not sound bites.

Wilda Diaz's right wing agenda is not designed to fix a city like Perth Amboy. We need to stop privatization, lay offs and austerity measures that make matters worse. Delgado's plan for new budget priorities and real fiscal accountability will address community needs instead of satisfying Wall Street greed.

Delgado For Mayor

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St. James A.M.E. Zion Church Celebrates their 95th Anniversary

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Mrs. Richardson, Church Mother Honored



The Anniversary Luncheon was held at the Pines Manor



A celebratory dance



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The torch is passed on from the wiser to the younger



Symbolic formation of the church



The foundation of the church is kept alive through multiple generations



Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz offers congratulations



Bishop Hunter inspires the congregation



Giving praise to the Lord

Knitting Circle

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Meet 'N Greet

PERTH AMBOY - Business owners can promote their business by being a sponsor at a bi-monthly Meet 'N Greet at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front Street, Perth Amboy. At our August Meet 'N Greet, we had over 50 businesses attending. For more information please call: Milton Paris, President of Getting Ahead in Business: 732-306-0040. The next Meet 'N Greet will be on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Free Advertising in Newspaper plus Constant Contact. Free buffet. E-mail Milton Paris at miltonjparis@yahoo.com



Those in attendance were inspired by Bishop Hunter's Message



Pastor Dickerson & members of the congregation at the original site of the Church



Marching from the Original location to the Current Location of St. James A.M.E. Zion Church



Interior of St. James A.M.E. Zion Church

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Donald Applegate for First Ward Council
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Zusetta Dato for Third Ward Council



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In some countries you cannot go out in public unless you are with a male relative to escort you.

Girls walking to school are often spat upon or even have acid thrown in their faces, just because they want an education. Yes, my dears this is happening today.

Or what about the women that are buried up to their necks and stoned to death in the center of town square? The reason being accused of infidelity with just the word of your husband.

And what about forced marriage on minors. Mail Online News states, "Girl of five is youngest UK victim of forced marriage as Home Office looks at prosecuting families," by Steve Doughty. Need we say anymore.

In an another incident one girl killed herself because a judge forced her to marry her rapist. She was only sixteen.

Honor killings are another problem that is still practiced today. There was one story where a father killed his two daughters because he thought they were becoming too westernized. The father vanished. And this happened in the United States! In this incident, although not everyone in that culture practices this, the father chose to continue it when he came over to the United States. The mother and son approved of what the father of the family did. The aunt of the two murdered girls spoke out against what her brother-in-law did and now the aunt has a bounty on her head.

This has been one the toughest and saddest editorials I've had to write. Some brave women have stood up against these practices and we applaud them. We also the applaud men who stand with these women. Some leaders of these countries have condemned these practices too.

Putting aside the controversy between Diaz and Delgado, I am looking forward to hear what all the Mayoral candidates have to say.

In case you forgot who the candidates are, I am going to remind you in the order they were names were pulled out of the ballot box: 1.) Miguel Morales 2.) Wilda Diaz & Ticket 3.)Bob McCoy 4.) Jim F. Aleck (Council) 5.) Frank Salado 6.) Sharon Hubberman 7.) Billy Delgado & Ticket.

All of these candidates are still in the race.

C.M. & K.M.



Welcome Back! Welcome Back! Welcome Back! Sciortino's Returns to Perth Amboy - 9/27/12

**Photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



The official ribbon cutting at Sciortino's



Differences aside, we agree Sciortino's belongs in Perth Amboy



The Seminski branch of Sciortino's pose with the Mayor and other City and local politicians.



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Miguel Morales enjoys pizza

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For Perth Amboy,

MAYOR WILDA DIAZ IS TURNING PERTH AMBOY AROUND

Mayor Diaz paid down \$54 million of the city's debt in four short years and reduced the size of the city's budget two years in a row.

Mayor Diaz attracted a commitment of \$500 million in new business development, including Viridian, Vopak, and Buckeye, that will create new jobs and new taxable income for the city, while helping to stabilize taxes for years to come.

Mayor Diaz cleaned up the corruption in City Hall.

Mayor Diaz is working to revitalize our waterfront, renovating the parking deck and completing the construction of the new community center on Sadowski Parkway.

Mayor Diaz and council candidates Fernando Irizarry and Lisa Nanton are the only slate of candidates who have years of past elected experience serving Perth Amboy and moving our community forward.



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FOR MAYOR

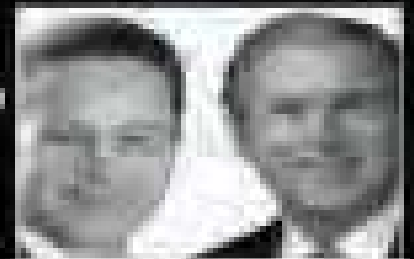
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FOR COUNCIL

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the Choice is Clear

FAILED REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE BILLY DELGADO WANTS TO TAKE PERTH AMBOY BACK TO THE DARK DAYS

Delgado ran on the same Republican ticket as corrupt gubernatorial candidate Brett Steinbock, who supported concealed carry gun laws and proposed raising \$500 million from our public schools to give to wealthy prep schools.



Billy Delgado's campaign was accused by NJ's highest-ranking Democratic officials – including the Democratic Speaker of the General Assembly Sheila Oliver and Senator Jimfitas – of racist, biased attacks against Mayor Diaz.

Billy Delgado's campaign attacked 87% of Perth Amboy residents for not having the "mental capacity" to be good leaders – just because they never received a college degree.

Billy Delgado's license to practice law was suspended in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Neither Billy Delgado nor any of his council candidates have any experience serving our city government in an elected or official capacity.

Congratulations to the Perth Amboy Vo-Tech! Perth Amboy Vo-Tech Named National Blue Ribbon School

Press Release 9/7/12

PERTH AMBOY — U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced today that Perth Amboy Vo-Tech has been designated a National Blue Ribbon School based on its progress in improving student achievement. One of the seven schools of the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School District, Perth Amboy Vo-Tech was one of 269 recognized nationally, one of 17 in New Jersey and the only one in Middlesex County.

MCVTS Board of Education President John F. Bicsko credited Principal Robert Fuller, the faculty and staff, students and parents. He said the honor recognizes a decade-long commitment to improve every aspect of the school program and environment.

“We raised the expectations and the kids met them,” Fuller said. “Our biggest thing is the personal touch. We get involved in the lives of these kids.”

Seventy-five percent of the student body is considered economically disadvantaged and 86 percent come from minority groups. Many students enter “partially proficient” in math and language arts but progress to fully meet state standards while at Perth Amboy Vo-Tech.

The core curriculum ensures graduates are ready both for college and career, with 69 percent of graduates continuing their educations in college or post-secondary vocational training.

Fuller, who is in his sixth year as principal, said the changes instituted in the school included lowering the student-teacher ratio, adding guidance counselors, new professional development programs for teachers, before-

school tutoring, engaging parents and closely monitoring student progress.

“It was a collaborative effort,” he said. “It’s a credit to everyone who works at the school.”

“This award is testimony to the dedicated efforts of the entire school community,” said MCVTS Superintendent of Schools Brian J. Loughlin. “The Perth Amboy campus is a perfect example of a successful community-based career and technical education program. They key components are high expectations, community involvement, parental involvement, and a commitment over time to a sustained effort to implement best practices.”

“My Freeholder colleagues and I are incredibly proud of the administration, faculty, staff, and of course, the students of all of our Vocational Technical Schools,” said Freeholder Charles E. Tomaro, chair of the County’s Business Development and Education Committee. “But it is a special honor for the Middlesex County Vocational School, Perth Amboy campus to have been recognized by The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program.”

“Our nation has no greater responsibility than helping all children realize their full potential,” Duncan said. “Schools honored with the National Blue Ribbon Schools award are committed to accelerating student achievement and preparing students for success in college and careers. Their work reflects the conviction that every child has promise and that education is the surest pathway to a strong, secure future.”

The 295-student school offers eight career majors in traditional and emerging fields:

construction technology, computer and business technology, automotive technology, culinary arts. Agreements with a number of colleges allow students to receive college credit for PAVT courses.

Perth Amboy Vo-Tech is part of the oldest vocational school district in the nation, established in 1914. The school was opened in 1927, and a new state-of-the-art school was finished in 2004.

Middlesex County Vo-Tech schools also have been recognized recently by several publications. The Middlesex County Academy for Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technologies in Edison was singled out as one of the nation’s best high schools by U.S. News & World Report for the fourth consecutive time, receiving Bronze Medal honors in the magazine’s ranking of the nation’s best public high schools for 2012. In addition, New Jersey Monthly magazine ranked the Edison Academy fourth in New Jersey in its first survey of the state’s vocational high schools. The Edison Academy and the Academy for Allied Health and Biomedical Sciences in Woodbridge were ranked first and second among all Middlesex County public high schools by Inside Jersey magazine, a publication of the Star-Ledger.

“The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders has always and will continue to be steadfast in its commitment to offering the best educational opportunities possible,” said Freeholder Director Christopher D. Rafano. “We applaud the innovation and ingenuity displayed daily in our schools and congratulate the students and staff of our Perth Amboy school for this fantastic achievement.”

Fishing Derby - Perth Amboy 9/15/12
*Photos by Bob Ned



The catch of the day!



Mayor Wilda Diaz with a contestant



The Fishing Derby Mascot





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Hubberman: "It's Time For A Reality Check On Taxes And Debt"

Press Release: 8/1/12

Candidate for Perth Amboy Mayor Common Sense Approach to Improve Economy Sharon Hubberman, Candidate for Mayor of Perth Amboy, announced today the results of her assessment of the city's finances. Hubberman is an executive in the financial services industry with over 16 years of experience. According to Hubberman, the numbers match what city homeowners have been feeling about the increase in their real estate taxes. The City's real estate tax levy went from \$44,145,512 to \$57,364,304 in a span of only three years, 2008 to 2011. That represents a cumulative increase of 30% for those three years, or a 10% increase over each of those years.

"When you're managing other people's money, you need to utilize the funds in the best

interest of the people you are serving. You must look at the economic landscape in order to give meaningful advice and direction in how you're going to manage the fiscal responsibilities that come with the duties of being the mayor," Hubberman said.

The current mayor claims that she reduced the debt. But according to Hubberman, the city's debt statements tell a different story. In her assessment, the 2008 debt statement showed an outstanding debt of \$161,184,203.00 (excluding school's debt). In the current mayor's first year in office, the debt grew to \$223,855,664.00 (excluding school's debt), which is an increase of \$62,671,461.00 or 39%. As of the 2011 debt statement, the city's outstanding debt was \$205,631,258.00. That means the debt burden has increased 28% under the current mayor's

watch and has not decreased as indicated in the city's debt statements.

"If we give the current mayor the benefit of the doubt that she reduced the city's debt to \$196 million as she states, that is still a substantial increase from when she took office in 2008 according to the City's debt statements.... Even if she refinanced or restructured any existing debt, she did it poorly because that refinanced or restructured debt still caused an increased tax burden to the home owners," Hubberman said.

Think about it this way. If you are having difficulties paying for the roof over your head and feeding your children, can you really afford to pay off your entire credit card debt or a significant portion of it? Of course not.

"This is one of the reasons why I am running for office.

I understand the nature of the new economy, and you must take a common sense approach when managing the city's finances, and do so prudently," Hubberman said. If economic times worsen in 2013, with a looming dollar decline, inflationary pressures, and a lagging GDP, the city of Perth Amboy is in for a windstorm. "I am uniquely qualified to bring progress to the city of Perth Amboy because I have the experience of managing millions in the worst financial market and helped others achieve their dreams through my business and finance acumen. My commitment to the residents is that through better planning, Perth Amboy will have a brighter future."

In a crowded field of "business as usual" political insiders, Sharon Hubberman is a fresh face to city politics and is optimistic about the city's

prospects. "What the other candidates may view as an insurmountable challenge, I view as an opportunity to expand the growth rate this gem of town deserves. The city is poised for an economic turnaround under the leadership of the right person, and I am that person" said Hubberman.

On Saturday, October 6th, 3:30 PM at the Waterfront Park on Sadowsky Parkway in front of the Veteran's memorial, Sharon Hubberman will unveil a key growth strategy of her IMPACT plan that will enable the city's progress and help the city succeed in the new economy. The public is invited to attend this event.

False Budget Allegations Against Governing Body

Press Release 9/28/12

PERTH AMBOY — This is an official communication released by the City of Perth Amboy. The following is a response to allegations released [Friday, September 28, 2012] on www.njtoday.net, by James J. Devine, entitled "Facts Catch Up To Mayor," of false financial budget information provided by the City's governing body to the residents of Perth Amboy.

During the Caucus Meeting on Monday, September 24, 2012, a report of the outstanding debt of the city was requested and provided to Councilman Fernando Gonzalez. The report discussed all of the methods used by the prior administration to create debt.

The claims stated in the article refer to an Annual Debt Statement that does not record all of the debt. The Calendar Year 2012 Budget Message (a 22-page public document) released on February 24th and provided to the City Council Members, contains all the forms of debt for which the City is liable.

The false statement claims that the City's outstanding debt is \$230 million. The total inherited debt of the City at the start of this administration was about \$250 million, by the end of 2012 the total will be under \$195 million. Mayor Wilda Diaz's estimate of debt reduction is underestimated; it has actually been reduced by more than \$55 million.

The errors in the claims are due to the misunderstanding

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Mayor's
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@ the A.J. Community Center
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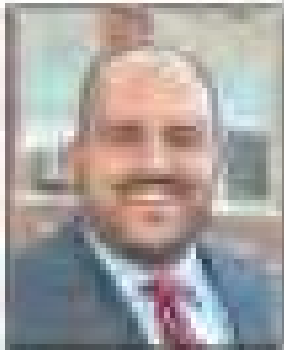
Local churches, organizations and businesses have partnered to sponsor the Sunday Community Dinners for those in need of a warm meal and good company on the dates listed below from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

For more information contact the Office of the Mayor @ 732-826-7121.

October 7
October 14
October 21
October 28
November 4
November 11
November 18

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- Parent of 3 Perth Amboy students
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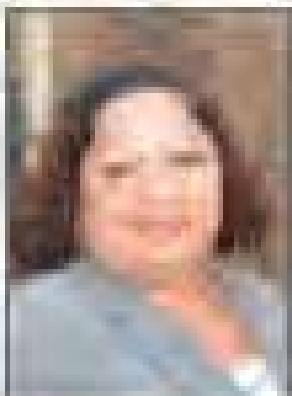


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- Parent of 3 Perth Amboy students
- Teacher of Bilingual Education
- BA in Bus. Admin. & Masters in Ed.
- Youth motivational speaker

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GONZALEZ**

- Parent of a Perth Amboy student
- Board Director/God's Army Ministry
- Director of Summer Youth Program
- Youth minister / G.A.M. Church

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**REYES
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- Parent of 4 Perth Amboy graduates and Grandparent of 7 present P. Amboy students
- President and co-founder of PAMA (Perth Amboy Merchants Association)
- Local Businessman & Community Activist
- Parishioner of Our Lady of Fatima Church for nearly 40 years.



The "BETTER SCHOOLS NOW!" team with some of their 14 children and grandchildren, all PA students.

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BETTERSCHOOLNOW.org/parent

BETTER SCHOOLS NOW: Committee of Perth Amboy
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Pete (John) Oyle, Treasurer

False Budget Allegations

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of the actions of the former administration, such as the following:

- Use of capital leases by the former administration funneled through the MCIA
- Use of off-the-books debt that was not reported to the Local Finance Board or the Division of Local Government Service
- Taxable issues that were not included and lastly;
- Not recognizing savings resulting from the use of premiums paid to the City by the successful bidder, which were applied directly to debt reduction in addition to the reduced interest rates.

In support of the administration significant improvements and debt reduction, Standard & Poor's, a credit rating agency raised the City from a stable to a positive outlook, due to the City's financial responsibility, reflecting improved financial management, practices and reserves. Standard and Poor's stated in their report:

"With a new administration in place, proactive financial management actions, and consistent levy waivers, finances

have improvements. The city changed its year-end to Dec. 31 from June 30, effective for fiscal 2011. With the transition, management was able to bolster its current fund and achieve some flexibility in making budget adjustments and implementing a surplus rebuilding plan."

Also, in a written letter from Thomas H. Neff, Director of Local Government Services of the State of New Jersey stated "In particular, your (Mayor Wilda Diaz) efforts at fiscal restraint and restructuring debt, in a manner that almost cut interest rates in half, have saved the taxpayers scarce resources and otherwise restored the trust of the private market place, which is so critical to Perth Amboy's continued progress."

REGARDING THE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT CHEVRON:

The sale price of \$260 million included non-taxable business personal property. By all accounts from those who understand commercial/industrial valuations/assessment practices in New Jersey, the City's settlement was beneficial to

the City. For nearly five years the appeal was fought. It was settled on the best possible favorable terms for the City.

REGARDING THE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE LANDINGS:

The refund to Landings was not a settlement, but a payment made at the direction of the Tax Court. The City disputed the appeal diligently and lost most of its case due to errors in the original valuation performed at the time of the revaluation managed and decided by former mayor Joseph Vas.

The Administrator, Finance Officer and Senior Accountant can each provide calculations to show the errors of these false claims. The Local Finance Board and the City Council have been fully informed of the financial condition of the City to the present date. The current administration only provides accurate information to the public.

For additional information on the Calendar Year 2012 Budget Message, please visit: http://ci.perthamboy.nj.us/agendas/Finance/cy_2012_budget_message_20120216.pdf.

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Music Performance By Jeff Saxon At Raritan Bay Coffee Company

October 12th Event In Support Of Perth Amboy Public Library Renovation

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - The Raritan Bay Coffee Company proudly presents an evening of acoustic music by award-winning singer/songwriter/guitarist, Jeff Saxon, on Friday, October 12th from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, but a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person is greatly appreciated, with all proceeds going to the much needed restoration of the Perth Amboy Library. The library, open since 1903, holds the distinction of being the first library in New Jersey to be a beneficiary of Andrew Carnegie's philanthropic generosity. The Raritan Bay Coffee

House is located at 233 Smith Street in the Perth Amboy train station. Coffee, tea, soda, baked goods and sandwiches will be available for purchase. The performance will feature Saxon's original blues, R&B and jazz -infused vocal tunes along with a few innovative renditions of pop and rock classics.

The Perth Amboy resident, Saxon, has released three CD's of his original material: "Truth-teller", "The Spin" and "Me, Myself, And I". Saxon will donate 50% of all CD sales made that evening to the Perth Amboy Library renovation fund. In August of this year, Saxon won the Best Rock Mu-

sic Video award at the World Music And Independent Film Festival, held in Washington, D.C. The video of Saxon's winning song, "High Time For A Hero", was filmed entirely in Perth Amboy. Music reviewers have also taken note of Saxon's musical talents. Patch.com described him as "a consummate songwriter" and a reviewer from I Am Entertainment Magazine lauded Saxon as having "a great voice...", sometimes reminiscent of Eric Clapton and George Benson. The chameleonic Saxon has also been likened to other musical notables, including Keb' Mo', Lyle Lovett, James Taylor and Don Henley.

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Atlantic City Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - Bus trip to Bally's Hotels and Casinos from St. Peter's Episcopal Church Parish House, 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy on Sunday, October 14. Bus leaves at 12 Noon. Tickets are \$27 p.p. Sponsored by St. Peter's Mother's Guild. Tickets can be purchased by calling Ann at 732-442-8875. Enjoy a day of fun with your friends.

Zombie Fest Halloween Party

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Zombie Fest Halloween Party on Monday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Cost \$1 per person. There will be a costume contest and refreshments will be served. For more info call 732-721-6060



OCTOBER EVENTS



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Wednesday, October 24 - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. with Dr. Ayotunde Adeyeri
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Thursday, October 4 - 6 to 7 p.m.
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Dr. Sam. Gordon Berkow Maternity Pavilion Tour and Family Health Open House

Information about child car seat safety, guided imagery and body mechanics for use during labor, how to pick a pediatrician and an infant CPR demonstration.

Wednesday, October 10 - 7 p.m.
RBMC Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave.
Registration suggested, call 732-324-5300.

Breast Cancer Support Group

Thursday, October 18 - 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Medical Pavilion at Woodbridge - 740 Route 1 North, Iselin
Registration required, call 732-324-5135.



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Saturday, October 13 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Raritan Bay Area YMCA - 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy
Registration required, call 732-324-5300.

Happy Hour Workshop

An hour of activities and lively conversation to raise your spirits and feel uplifted. Cost is \$10 per session.

Wednesdays, October 10 & 24, November 14 & 28 - 7 to 8 p.m.
Raritan Bay Area YMCA - 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy
Registration required, call 732.442.3700, ext. 5861

Open Spoken

PERTH AMBOY - FRI. OCT 19th at 6:30 p.m. "Open Spoken" at Raritan Bay Coffee, 233 Smith St., inside the Perth Amboy train station. Our open mics for music have taken off, so tonight we invite poetry, spoken word, short readings and acoustic folk music. Come and share your works. Join our event page on Facebook "Open Spoken. Co-hosts Charles Lobaito, South Amboy and Danny Adlerman, Metuchen. Free event and free parking. Questions 848-203-3432

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Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - There is an ongoing book sale at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Fill a bag for \$5. New books have arrived! Mystery, Classics, Popular Authors! Book Dealers Welcome. For more info call 732-826-2600. There are also books for sale at Raritan Bay Coffee Company (at the Historic Train Station)

Jersey

Laffapoolooza

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Birthday Bash Comedy Show for Ron Snipes: An All Libra Affair at the Portuguese Manor, 310 Elm St., Perth Amboy on Friday, October 5 & Saturday, October 6. Hosted by EmEz of Power 105.1. Music by DJ J Smoove and DJ Alamo & DJ Bloc. Doors open 8 p.m. Showtime 9 p.m. \$20 advance tickets, \$25 at the door. Must be age 18 to laugh, 21 to drink. Valet Parking. Kitchen open 'til midnight. All RSVP must be filed by 9:15 p.m. For tickets call 732-585-7733 or go to www.rulcomedy.com

Open Mic

PERTH AMBOY - There will be an Poetry and Music Open Mic Night every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts, 339 Reade St., Perth Amboy. Come show off your talent. For more information contact 732-826-1690 ext. 4325.

50+ Art Show

PERTH AMBOY - Looking for artists for an upcoming event in October at the Kearny Cottage. There will be an art display from local artists 50+ years to have their work on display at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. For more info call Paul at 732-293-1090

Zumba Class

PERTH AMBOY - Here is what you have been waiting for... We have started a brand new Zumba class every Monday at 7 p.m. and will be taught by one of the best Zumba instructors in our area. So, we invite you and all your friends to come work-out with us every Monday night. There is no better way to start of the week than burning some calories, losing weight and eliminating stress while having fun! Admission: \$5 per person. Address: 189 Fayette St., Perth Amboy (Entrance by the Administration building). For questions call: (732) 709-0129

Kidz Wii Club

SOUTH AMBOY - The Kidz Wii Club will meet every Friday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Record Collection

PARLIN - The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library will continue its program of record donations. The records must be either 45's or 33 1/3. We do not accept 78's. Please contact Teri at 732-727-7639 for further information or if you have large record donations.

Indoor

Flea Market

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 404 Division St., Perth Amboy is having an Indoor Flea Market on Sunday, October 14 at from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be homemade crafts, good food and other items. So please join us.

We Keep You Moving

OLD BRIDGE & WOODBRIDGE - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free, three-part educational series "We Keep You Moving" Thursdays, October 4, 6 to 7 p.m., at two locations; the medical center's Old Bridge location 3 Hospital Plaza, and at the YMCA at the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main Street.

For more information or to register, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

Senior Scene

Happenings

- Perth Amboy**
 WED. Oct. 3 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
 • Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 • St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 • Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St
 THURS. Oct. 4 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
 MON. Oct. 8 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
 TUES. Oct. 9 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
 • Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
 WED. Oct. 10 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
 • Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 • St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 THURS., Oct. 11 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
 Ukrainian Assumption Seniors 12. Noon Church Basement, Meredith St.
- South Amboy**
 WED. Oct. 3 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
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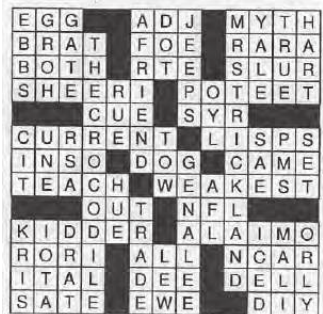
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PERTH AMBOY - A 4th generation family owned and run business Sciortino's was established at 397 New Brunswick Ave. in 1932. The pizzeria was forced to close in July 2003 due to urban renewal. It reopened in South Amboy in May 2004 and is located on 132 South Broadway Ave. Sciortino's boasts to be the 5th pizzeria in NJ and the 9th in the USA. On its old site in Perth Amboy now stands the new municipal complex. *Photo courtesy of Sciortino & Semenski Families

Prayer To The Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)

O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). **K.M.**

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

Tech 4 Adults

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Tech 4 Adults program at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy on Thursdays October 11, 18, & 25 at 11 a.m. Must register in advance. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Art Lessons

PERTH AMBOY - Have you always dreamed of becoming an artist? Well here is your chance to learn from one of Perth Amboy's greatest artists. People of all ages are welcome to join, classes for beginners to experienced artists. Come check it out at the Picture Gallery, 397 Smith St., Perth Amboy. Contact Robert Roman at Cell: 732-977-3203 or at the Shop: 732-486-8590.

Public Notice

PERTH AMBOY - The Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy is no longer accepting new applications for senior/disabled housing effective Tuesday, September 4, 2012. New applications will only be accepted for the public housing program from Perth Amboy residents displaced by a natural disaster. Contact (732) 826-3110 for further information or questions.

Elvis Tribute Show

PORT READING - There will be an Elvis Tribute Show starring Rick Alviti on Saturday, October 27 at St. Anthony of Padua, 436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$45 pp. Includes: show, hot buffet, dessert, coffee, tea & soda. B.Y.O.B. Seats are limited. First Come First Served. For more info or tickets call Francine at 732-881-3619.

Prayer To St. Jude

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly - *(make your request here)* - and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, Oh Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. **M.S.K.**

Tech Talk

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tech Talk program on "Google Apps" at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy on Thursday October 4 at 6:30 p.m. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Jewish Renaissance Family of Organizations Annual Gala

JERSEY CITY - There will be a Boys & Girls Club Gala on Thursday, October 11 at the Liberty House Restaurant, Jersey City. This is the 3rd year for the gala to benefit the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center and the Boys & Girls Club of Carteret and Perth Amboy. 1980's Grammy Nominated Latina Artist Brenda K. Starr will perform. Honorees are Karen Clark from Horizon NJ Health, Chris Martin, C.E.O. of Provident Bank and Rafael Toro, Public Relations Goya Foods.

There will be an open bar, food and entertainment. Tickets are \$225 per person with the proceeds being split three ways to each organization. For tickets contact Jennifer, Chief Marketing Officer of the JRF at 732-376-6611. The JRF, JRMC and Boys & Girls Club of Carteret and Perth Amboy are all non-profit and community based. Please consider being a sponsor and bring your family and friends. All are welcome to participate on this special day. If you cannot attend, we kindly ask that you consider a contribution to help our cause.

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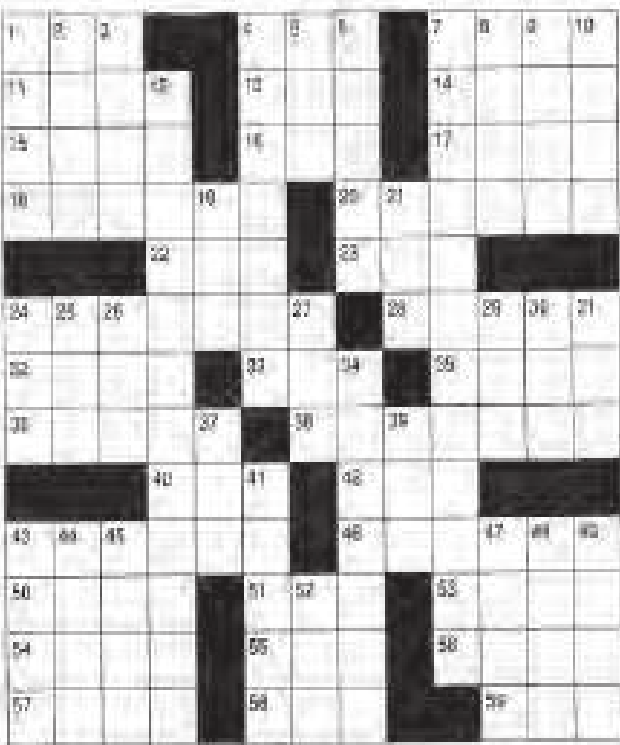
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7. Hank Hill's boss
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Tonight
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land (abbr.)
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City of Angels
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42. Monday Night
Football gp.
43. Peter Benchley's
Amazon
actress Margot
46. Virgil Paris on
Somerset
50. King of I'm a Big
Girl Now
51. _____ Star Golf
53. Mayberry's
locale (abbr.)
54. Emphatic
type (abbr.)
55. Grade for
Bart Simpson
56. Steve Allen Show
regular Gabe
57. Fill completely
58. Lamb Chop's mom
59. Handy home repairs:
cable channel



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