



Highlights to date from Convention Center series

The owner of Growth Business Development, Daniel J. Logan of Medford, N.J., was paid more than \$122,000 over a 12-month period for which he turned in no receipts or detailed records of what he did.

Additionally Logan was paid almost \$38,000 that went to a paper corporation he set up after initially being hired as a consultant to do a marketing and sales review for the Authority. Records show that the bulk of that money went to a neighbor in Medford, N.J. He was pivotal in getting Logan the authority job through contacts he had with a Lancaster County dentist and consultant.

Logan was paid over \$200,000 for a 14-month period in which he had no contract.

Over a four year period Logan received almost a million dollars. Work product in the LCCCA files is scant. Despite the high earnings, Logan apparently had difficulty making mortgage payments on his home.

Why?

Thomas Beckett of Fairmount Capital Advisors of Philadelphia was paid more than \$283,000 for which there is no detailed record of what he did for the hours charged during a 20-month period. Beckett was also paid about \$6,000 for unsubstantiated expenses.

Beckett eventually went to work for George K. Baum and Co., a Denver, Col. firm with offices in West Conshohocken. The Baum company was paid \$130,000 from fees related to millions of dollars in bonds floated by the LCCCA.

Beckett was the financial consultant to the authority and had recommended the hiring of the Baum company for the bond work. Beckett collected another \$25,000 from the authority for a three-month period while now working for Baum after the bonds had been floated.

The series continues next week.

Welcome *www.LancasterZcene.com* to the Lancaster scene!

Christiaan Hart-Nibbrig is the editor and publisher of a new local entertainment web site at *www.LancasterZcene.com*.

Many will recall that he was the co-publisher with Ron Harper of the ill fated weekly tabloid, *The Lancaster Post*. But before then Hart-Nibbrig was the founding editor of

www.NewsLanc.com.

There are plans to be announced soon to add local cultural and entertainment features to *NewsLanc* as well as to expand reporting.

Nevertheless, *LancasterZcene* promises to offer informative and fun reading.

INTELLIGENCER JOURNAL:

"*Second chance is hard to come by*", is the lead to Jeff Hawkes' Feb. 3rd column dealing with the housing plight of 'sex offenders.'

After describing how a social "*pariah*" froze to death in Michigan because he was refused accommodation at a homeless shelter and mentioning former state Rep. Tom Armstrong's efforts to provide housing locally, Hawkes addressed the more general problem:

"*We don't want (sex offenders) on our welfare rolls,*' [sex-crime researcher Professor

LETTER: Armstrong betrayed?

"*This is one of the things too that makes it so difficult to want to go to bat for these guys. I mean, here's [Tom] Armstrong, out fighting to fix the system for these guys, and this idiot, one of the guys Armstrong went to bat for, can't even keep it in his pants (so to speak) until Tom gets through the process. Sad.*"

EDITOR:

The letter refers to the *Intelligencer Journal* Feb. 5th article "*Sex offender charged again; Suspect had lived in Armstrong's home.*" With all due respect, we think the letter writer, while well meaning, misses the point.

It is not former State Rep. Tom Armstrong's contention that there will be no recidivism with those labeled as 'sex offenders.' But the percentage is significantly lower than for those

Chrysanthi Leon] told me. 'We want them to support themselves...

"*The problem is that out of fear, we're creating unhelpful policies,*" Leon said, "*and we're not improving public safety as a result.*"

WATCHDOG: Whatever their other shortcomings, the *Lancaster Newspapers, Inc.* (*New Era* Editor Ernie Schreiber at times excepted) have long been the voice of enlightenment. The work of Tom Armstrong legitimized civil, rational discussion.

Let's continue the process!

who conduct other forms of felonies, including assaults and murder. And we don't deny them housing and publicly brand them as ex-cons.

Secondly, making lewd remarks to adults is hardly a reason for imprisoning someone for years. A half century ago the response would have been to slap the fellow in the face, if she -paid any attention whatsoever.

The conduct is indeed reprehensible and "sad," albeit a manifestation of addiction. (So is getting publicly drunk.) But it hardly should be interpreted as a repudiation of Armstrong's brave and noble efforts. The accused didn't molest any one. He just made a fool of himself.

The guy may need ongoing counseling. He probably needs a social life. But when society makes you a pariah with no opportunity to move to a new town, find a job, make friends, and have a fresh start, that isn't likely to happen.

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