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Happy Halloween!

This is no made up Halloween tale for Hamtramck

By Charles Sercombe

Want to hear a real Halloween horror story?

Stop by a special City Council meeting Monday evening, and the stuff you'll hear will make the hairs on your arms stand up.

This is no tale for the kiddies or faint of heart.

In a nutshell, here it is: Hamtramck's financial picture is worse than ever and it looks like the city

has two months or so before it's lights out.

And that means some tough decisions by city officials in the coming weeks – that is if they have the stomach to make those decisions. One of the frustrating facts facing officials is that there is little to cut from the budget – except where the big ticket items are located.

And that includes police and fire service as we know it.

Councilmember Tom Jankowski said there is a cash flow problem and that by January "there will be nothing."

City Manager Bill Cooper has been warning the council – and anyone who will listen – that the city will be bankrupt by January.

It was just a little over a year ago the city's finances were looking rosy. So what happened?

The biggest hit to the city's budget came from Detroit. Mayor Dave Bing's administration is withholding \$3 million in shared tax revenue collected from GM's Poletown plant, which straddles both Detroit and Hamtramck.

Detroit is insisting it has been overpaying Hamtramck for several years and that part of the shared tax agreement has expired.

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Was bar sting a payback?

By Charles Sercombe

There is some serious fallout from last month's bar sting in town.

In September, the police department sent underage decoys to several bars to see if they would get served without being asked to produce ID. Bartenders at three bars fell for the ruse, including a bar owned by City Councilmember Tom Jankowski.

Jankowski owns Whiskey in the Jar but was not bartending the night of the sting. Also included in the sting was the New Dodge Lounge, a bar owned by City Councilmember Cathie Gordon.

Gordon's bartender asked for ID from the decoys and declined to serve them when they couldn't produce one.

The timing of the stings has come under question since they were conducted just days after a controversial discussion on purchasing bullet proof vests for the entire Police Department. Jankowski

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It's down to the wire for election

By Charles Sercombe

It may not feel like an election here in Hamtramck, but Election Day is indeed coming up.

Next Tuesday voters nationwide will be heading to the polls. For political junkies this election season has offered a lot of drama and suspense. The biggest guess is whether national polls are accurate in predicting a Republican sweep in congress and in state offices.

Locally, there are no seats being contested in city council.

But there is a Hamtramck resident involved in this election. Muhammad Alim is running as an independent in the state representative race. The Democratic candidate, John Olumba, is considered a shoo-in.

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Quick Hits

Election Day is next Tuesday (Nov. 2).

OK voters, it's your day to perform your civic duty and participate in the democratic process. This election is viewed as an important one because it's halfway through President Obama's term.

It's viewed by some as a referendum on the president and the party in power, which is the Democratic Party.

No matter what your political leanings are, it's always a good thing to vote.

This week in history

- We don't get this one either. Back in 1947, Japanese Emperor Hirohito's horse was put on display in the city. Whether it was a stuffed or live version of the horse is not clear. Nor is it clear why anyone would want to put it on display.

- The first Hamtramck township was formed in 1789, and it extended all the way to the Detroit River.

- Gov. Frank Murphy spoke at Hamtramck High School in 1938.

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The city had been collecting about \$4 million a year from the plant. Considering the city's annual budget is about \$18 million, that's a large chunk of change. Also hurting the city is the crash in the housing market. The lower values of homes and the high number of forfeitures translate into less property taxes collected.

Another wallop is the loss of income tax from American Axle and the drop in tax collection from equipment in the plant. The company shut down the plant a year ago and let go most of its workers.

The city has already laid off several employees and cut salaries for non-union employ-

ees. Cooper has been asking union employees to take salary and benefit cuts to further help out, but so far only the firefighters have agreed to cuts.

So what else can be done?

Jankowski said it's going to come down to – sooner or later – disbanding the Police Department and bringing in the county sheriffs.

He said he doubts a majority of the council will agree to that move.

"I'm tough enough to make the hard decisions," Jankowski said.

If the city fails to take any action to balance the budget, the state could intervene and appoint an emergency financial manager. Hamtramck already experienced a

state-appointed manager in 2000.

The thinking is that the state may file for bankruptcy on behalf of the city in order to make sweeping changes to union contracts and possibly merge police and fire services with either the county or Detroit.

No matter what, it looks like payless paydays are on the horizon for city employees. Jankowski said the city is gliding by on its "budget stabilization fund" – another way of saying we're using up the rainy day fund.

Folks, it's not only raining, it's a tsunami, figuratively speaking.

Monday's meeting won't be all doom and gloom. There are still some development projects underway, thanks largely to stimulus money being pumped into the economy by the Obama administration.

A hearing will be held to decide whether to approve a Brownfield tax credit for a

major development project here in town.

The four-story building on Jos. Campau and Belmont is slated for renovation. Part of the work includes the removal of asbestos and lead. The developer, Mark Hausner, is in line to receive \$119,000 from taxes collected on the property, but that payment won't come until 14 years from now.

In the meantime Hausner would get a tax credit and a tax break for the next 12 years.

Plans call for a soul food restaurant on the bottom floor and loft development in the upper floors.

Hausner is also applying for a special state grant that will give him \$30,000 (in stimulus money) for each living unit he creates in the upper floors, although that grant is good for no more than four units.

(You can contact Charles Sercombe at cs@thehamtramckreview.com.)



Despite the gloomy financial news facing the city, there is major development planned here. The four-story building on Jos. Campau and Belmont is going to get a major makeover, thanks to some state and federal grants.

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Halloween Costume Party - Saturday, October 30 at noon. Dress up and join your friends at the library Halloween Party, featuring ghoulish games, freaky arts and crafts and frightening fun. Best costumes will win prizes.

Computer Classes for Beginners - Tuesday, November 2 at 11:30 a.m. Basic instructions on computer use for beginners will be held on Tuesdays. Number of participants is limited to available computers.

Reading and Conversation for ESL Students - Tuesday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m. Jide Aje is the instructor for the reading and conversation ESL classes.

Math Club Meeting - Tuesday, November 2 at 4 p.m. Mr. Nuo is the instructor for the math club and math tutoring.

Movie Wednesday - Wednesday, November 3 at 3:30 p.m. Every Wednesday is movie day at the library. Come and enjoy our feature presentation, which includes popcorn and snacks.

Computer Classes for Intermediate Users - Thursday, November 4 at 11:30 a.m. Adults with basic computer skills can enhance their computer literacy each Thursday at the library.

Number of participants is limited to available computers.

Fall Teen Club - Thursday, November 4 at 5 p.m. Members of the Teen Club will make fall decorations for the library. Everyone is invited to join.

Jeopardy at the Library - Thursday November 4 at 4 p.m. Sign up and participate in Jeopardy games held on Thursdays at the library. Compete against friends, win prizes and have fun developing your knowledge skills.

Storytime for Children - Saturday, November 6 at noon. All children are invited to children's storytime at the library. This Saturday is treasure hunt day with lots of surprises, after we read "Looking for a Moose" by Phyllis Root.

92nd Anniversary Library Dinner - Thursday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to the Annual Library Dinner at the PNA Banquet Hall on Conant & Belmont. During the program, new members will be inducted into the Library Hall of Honor. Tickets are available at the Library. The event is organized by the Friends of Hamtramck Public Library.

Meeting of the Library Board - Tuesday, November 18 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 365-7050, or visit our website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access our online catalog.

It's down to the wire for election

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Historically this district for state representative and senator overwhelmingly votes for the Democratic candidate. It's the Primary Election that plays a more important role in deciding who that candidate will be.

Given that tradition, our current State Rep., Bert Johnson, will likely win his bid for Senate. He is facing a Republican candidate, John Chouinard, who has been actively campaigning in Hamtramck.

The top race most voters are interested in is who will become our next governor. Gov. Jennifer Grandholm was termed out and could not seek re-election.

So far, most polls show Rick Snyder, the Republican candidate for governor, has a 20 point lead over his Democratic challenger, Virg Bernero.

Two other highly contested races are for state Attorney General and Secretary of State. The two races are wide open after the incumbents in each office decided to seek other elected office but failed.

In the AG election, it ap-

pears Republican candidate Bill Shuette has an edge over Democratic challenger David Leyton.

In the Secretary of State race, recent polls indicate a very close race between Democratic candidate Jocelyn Benson and Republican candidate Ruth Johnson.

While there are no local ballot issues, Hamtramck voters will be asked to decide on two state proposals and a county parks millage renewal.

The first state proposal is whether to have a new state

constitution written. Supporters say the state's constitution is woefully out of date while critics say a revised constitution will cost too much money. The other state proposal seems to be inspired by former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his legal troubles. The proposed law would not allow those who receive felony convictions for violating the public's trust while holding a position in government from holding public office.

The county parks millage is a renewal for five more years.

The tax millage equals about 25 cents per \$1,000 of your property's assessed value. If renewed, the tax is expected to generate \$10.6 million in 2011.

Anyone wishing to vote absentee has until Monday to apply and vote. The Clerk's Office will be open this Saturday (Oct. 30) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to handle absentee voters.

Tuesday's election precincts will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



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Second Front Page

Commissioner says it's not his fault park grant disappeared

By Charles Sercombe

There's been plenty of talk since last week's story on a park grant that disappeared.

Unfortunately, the more that people talked, the less clear the issue became.

Wayne County Commissioner Moe Blackwell said last week's story was not correct in stating he offered a \$75,000 park improvement grant when actually the money was not really there.

Blackwell – who announced the park grant at a City Council meeting just weeks before election day – said the money was indeed there but it was later

withdrawn by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

"It's not that Moe Blackwell didn't do his job," said Blackwell, speaking in the third person. "It's about Bob Ficano playing politics."

We reported that the director of the county parks department, Beverly Watts, said that's not the case and that the money was never budgeted at the time Blackwell came to the city council.

Through a county spokesman, Watts is now saying that Blackwell mistakenly thought a 2007 parks grant offered to the city was

still available. Watts says that grant was given to another community when Hamtramck failed to follow through.

Blackwell said that's not true, either. He said he was told by Watts before he approached the council that the money was there.

"I'm not the one who was misinformed. She is the one who is misinformed," Blackwell said. "I didn't sit at home and concoct this."

Bottom line: there is no grant money for Hamtramck.

Blackwell was defeated in the August Primary Election in his bid to win re-election.

State Sen. Martha Scott, who is being termed out, will be the new county commissioner for Hamtramck. She is running unopposed in Tuesday's election.

Despite the twists and turns of the issue – and the changing stories – the city has a plan to construct a basketball court in Veterans Park filed with the county. There is a chance the city could receive a grant for the project next year, said Watts.

Still, the issue reeked of inter-county political warfare and has several people here and in the county pointing fingers.

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SECOND MONDAY of each month, through Dec. 13, 12:30-2:30 p.m. – A Wayne County program, food program for low-income families, at People's Community Services, 8625 Jos. Campau. To qualify you must be a Hamtramck resident and had picture ID and proof of income. Volunteers are needed to unload supplies, etc. To volunteer, show up at 10:30 a.m.

As cars get more theft-proof, thieves get desperate

By Charles Sercombe

While the number of car thefts has been going down in recent years, a more insidious trend may start to emerge, say local law enforcement officers.

As cars become more theft proof, police are saying in private that they fear car thieves will become more desperate and resort to carjackings. It's not the kind of thing that the Police Department wants to

openly talk about for fear that the public will become panicked.

Modern cars can now only be started with an encoded key, meaning even if car thieves break into your car, they can't start it up.

That has led to an increase of thieves resorting to stealing just parts of cars, mainly expensive wheels. The process of stealing wheels can often result in thousands of dollars in damages.

Locally, police report there is an increase in the theft of GPS-navigation systems.

Nationally, police are seeing a slight uptick in carjackings. That may very well be the next step for frustrated auto thieves. So far, that increase has not shown up in Hamtramck. For the past three years, Hamtramck has had just 11 carjackings each year.

Hamtramck police say the best way to minimize your chance of being carjacked is to park in areas where people are around, and at night park in well-lit areas. Also, you have to be aware of your surroundings, and be on the lookout for suspicious people or for someone possibly following you.

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Cold versus Flu

By Dwight Encinas, M.D.

Cold and flu season is back. Each year about 36,000 Americans ages 50 and older die from the flu and its complications, such as pneumonia. Another 226,000 older adults end up in the hospital.

So how can you tell which bug is which?

The common cold usually causes these symptoms:

- A runny or stuffy nose
- Sneezing
- Coughing
- Fatigue
- Sore throat

Signs of the flu include:

- Fatigue and weakness
- High fever
- Severe aches and pains
- Headache
- Cough

The best way to stay healthy is to wash hands often. When water is unavailable, use alcohol-based disinfectant hand cleaners.

To ward off the flu, everyone older than 6 months of age should get an annual flu shot. It's not too late to get your flu shot.

Henry Ford Medical Center – Hamtramck is currently scheduling flu shot appointments on Tuesdays and Fridays 8:00am – 4:00pm.

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Street Life

A tradition worth telling and retelling

(Editor-at-Large Walter Wasacz writes a weekly column on life in Hamtramck.)

By Walter Wasacz

Hamtramck is so rich in cultural amenities that it's often tough to keep up with it all.

Think about it: where else does the full expression of creative work by visual artists, mu-

sicians, designers, promoters and curators bump up against the decades-long community engagement of groups representing the city's ethnic populations?

Let's tighten our focus on the latter. Organizations like the Polish-American Central Citizens Committee don't often make headlines in the local

press. And it doesn't get any play with media looking to Detroit – and Hamtramck, increasingly – for the next innovative step forward in the arts (the best example of this is the transformation of the neighborhood just north of the city and south of Davison, where the Power House project and San Francisco's Juxtapoz magazine have combined on an otherworldly re-design of several abandoned houses).

Groups like Central Citizens provide a real backbone for community life to thrive. They have been doing it for a whopping 96 years (yes, you read that right), and have been holding an annual testimonial banquet for the last 38 years. The banquet honors the memory of Kazimierz Pulaski, dubbed the "Father of the American Cavalry" for his leadership and heroism during the Revolutionary War.

In his short, brilliant military career Pulaski saved the life of then-General George Washington during the Battle of Brandywine (1777) and fought alongside General "Mad" Anthony Wayne at another battle that defeated the British in Haddonfield, New Jersey.

Pulaski died of wounds suffered during the Battle of Savannah in 1779. He was 34 at the time of his death and has been honored with tributes, observations, parades and statues across the U.S. for over 200 years. In 2009, Pulaski was granted honorary citizenship by the U.S. Congress – only one of seven people to re-



ceive the designation.

So it's no small accomplishment to be duly noted by the Central Citizens Committee membership for good works and deeds in the community. They do it every year in the name of the memory of the patriotic spirit of Gen. Pulaski.

Last Sunday, the group held

its banquet at the Polish National Alliance Hall on Conant and honored Don Horkey, Greg Kowalski, Laurie Goulka, George Lukowski, Terry Manning, Fr. James Mazurek, Eugene Oleszko, Fr. Roman Pasieczny and Michael Wilk.

The group also honored the Detroit

Tigers organization as a "Friend of Polonia" for its support of the Polish-American community. The Tigers have featured a Polish-American Night, first at Tiger Stadium and now at Comerica Park, for 40 years.

The event is all about dedication to tradition and community. It's a good story that needs telling and retelling, not to mention looking forward to the Central Citizens' upcoming 100-year anniversary. Now that's rich.



Was bar sting a payback?

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initially suggested that officers be required to use their clothing allowance to buy the vests since they refused to help the city reduce its deficit by taking salary and benefit cuts.

The vests were being funded by the department's drug forfeiture fund and a grant from the Justice Department, meaning there was no cost to the city's general budget.

Gordon voted in support of Jankowski's request to hold up the vote on the vests. There was a time issue, however, and the final vote came just shy of a deadline to tap into the Justice Department's grant.

The delay angered a number of officers, including Police Chief Mark Kalinowski who accused Jankowski of playing with the lives of officers.

Days later, the Police Department conducted the bar sting. The detective in charge of the sting, Dan Misiak, denied there was any connection with the sting and the vest issue. He said the bars picked out were based on complaints filed with the state's Liquor Control Commission.

Flash forward to this past Monday when the bartenders who were ticketed were arraigned in Hamtramck 31st District Court, where City Attorney James Allen was acting as city prosecutor, a role he normally plays.

Before the court proceedings, Misiak confirmed he had a "heated" argument with Allen after Allen said he wanted to look into police protocol in the sting. Misiak said he resents the insinuation that the sting was not conducted on the up and up and

was politically motivated. "It was highly unethical and not in the best interest of the city," Misiak said of the allegation.

Misiak added that the attorney for the police officers' union is looking into the matter.

Allen refused to comment on the matter, saying he does not comment on pending cases. Gordon also declined to comment.

Jankowski lashed out against the sting, saying it was likely connected with the vest issue. He also criticized the sting operation in general, saying officers abuse the program to rack up overtime pay.

The LCC gives the city \$25,000 a year to conduct stings.

"I see it as nothing more than an overtime slush fund," Jankowski said.

Jankowski also said there are witnesses who saw the underage decoys accept alcoholic drinks and drink them. He said there needs to be an investigation into how this sting was conducted.

There is a connection between Allen and Jankowski. When Jankowski was mayor a few years ago he brought in Allen's law firm to take over legal services.

The question some insiders have raised privately is whether there is a conflict of interest for Allen to serve as prosecutor because of his relationship with Jankowski.

Jankowski dismissed that notion, saying: "Not in this case with the facts that there are."

A pretrial in the matter is scheduled for Nov. 8 in Hamtramck 31st District Court.

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Hamtramck's best interests is with the Democratic Party

Traditionally, Hamtramck voters support Democratic candidates.

And traditionally this newspaper has reflected the political leanings of the community. In this election, voters can vote for candidates in both parties, as long as they don't vote for more candidates than are allowed in each race.

In the Primary Election, voters had to vote either Democrat or Republican.

This election certainly gives voters more choices.

When it comes to making endorsements, the editorial staff talks about candidates in all parties and which ones will better serve the community.

That open discussion has led to some changes in endorsements. We encourage you, our readers, to also actively discuss politics with friends and family.

At some point we all have to decide. As far as this newspaper's editorial position (which sometimes differs from our publisher's viewpoint) we urge voters to vote straight Democratic. That means we are endorsing Virg Bernero for governor, although we weren't impressed that Bernero was picked by fellow Democrats to be their candidate.

And we aren't pleased

that Republicans chose Rick Snyder for their candidate for governor.

It's nothing against Bernero. It's just that he grates on some voters. But that may be because he speaks uncomfortable truths about the health of this state. Bernero has a far better grasp on the issues facing the state and has proved his leadership skills as mayor of Lansing.

The Republican candidate, Rick Snyder, who is way ahead in the polls and is expected to be voted in, has offered nothing but vague solutions to fixing the many pressing problems Michigan is facing.

Snyder is running as an outsider, and we're betting that he is going to run into a brick wall in Lansing's entrenched political machinery. At best, he's naive. At worse, he will get nothing accomplished and Michigan will continue to crash and burn.

In other races, we're supporting Democratic candidates as well.

In the race for Supreme Court, we urge voters to ignore the heavy promotion of Young and Kelly. These two have a far-right agenda.

Instead, we endorse current Supreme Court Justice Alton Thomas Davis and

first-time challenger Denise Langford Morris. Voters can vote for no more than two in this race.

Included in the ballot are two state ballot issues. We urge a "YES" vote to allow the state's constitution to be updated and rewritten. It is woefully out of date and desperately needs an overhaul.

We also urge a "YES" vote to forbid those who violate the public's trust while serving in a public office or a public position to run for public office. While it appears this proposal was drafted in response to the criminal doings of former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, it also speaks to the deep-rooted pay to play system in Detroit.

We need protection from predator politicians.

There is also a tax millage renewal for Wayne County parks, a small one amounting to 25 cents per \$1,000 assessed value of your home. We know things are extremely tight for many families, but this is a small price to pay to ensure at least some of our parks are maintained.

No matter what we have to say, go out and vote next Tuesday.



Letter from the Publisher

By John Ulaj

My "unprecedented" personal endorsements for the November 2 election

Before I begin, I would like to say that, in the past, I have voted for candidates from both the Democratic Party and the Republican Party. I have even voted for Independents; I am by no means affiliated with ANY party, nor will I ever be. Traditionally, the now-defunct Citizen newspaper has pushed for candidates who fall under the banner of, or are affiliated with, the Democrats, thus giving these politicians a "free pass," in a very real sense. Well, I think this practice is wrong, and unacceptable. As the Publisher of The Review, I believe everyone should have a fair chance to express their ideas and their opinions, no matter their party affiliation.

This year's race is primarily about economic concerns. I'm sure we all know someone, or have a family member, who has been affected by this massive economic slump, either here or abroad. Well, consider State Representative Bert Johnson, who is now running instead for a

State Senate seat: conventional wisdom says the odds are good that he'll win, because the primary process has already anointed the chosen candidates, who then usually get a free pass in the general election. I personally believe that we have a better candidate in John Chouinard, who is running on the Republican ticket. John Chouinard has proven that he is for small businesses, and feels strongly that the government is overtaxing the little guy. Chouinard believes that there should be less government intrusion in people's lives, and that the State should learn how to balance their budget (just like all of us have to), without levying even more taxes on us.

Take, for example, the year 2007, wherein House Bill 5198 was voted into law, which then allowed the Legislature to impose a new 6% tax on many services used primarily by businesses (including small ones), such as "office administration" serv-

ices, consulting services, and even janitorial services! In the meantime, big conglomerates (what we call "major corporations") often don't have to pay because of their powerful lobbying efforts, financed by their great wealth. On September 30, 2007, this House Bill passed, with 56 Democrats in favor of the tax hike, and with 53 Republicans against it. To make matters worse, this bill also included another major tax increase, raising the state income tax rate from 3.9% to, now, 4.35% on small businesses. State Representative Bert Johnson voted in favor of this destructive bill, assuming it would raise over \$750 million for the state.

This bill was part of a package designed to avoid spending cuts in the fiscal year 2007-2008 budget. Instead of trimming the bloated state government, politicians devised a devious way to impose taxes on those often least represented, the small

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Letters • Letters

Is a bar the best place to meet?

I have been reading the notices for block club meetings in Hamtramck, and when I came to the notice for my area I was shocked to see that the meeting was being held at a bar. It seems to me that if we

want to invite and include our Muslim neighbors in these meetings, a bar is a very poor choice for a location.

This is because Muslims are very much against the use of alcohol.

I would hope that the leaders of this block club would rethink this location.

Maryann Whitty
Hamtramck

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the City Council of the City of Hamtramck on the 1st day of November, 2010, at 6:30 PM in the Council chambers at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212, on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for the City of Hamtramck, within which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended. The description of the proposed brownfield is:

1. Land situated in the City of Hamtramck whose address is 10201 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, Michigan, 48212.

A description of the property along with any maps and a description of the Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection at the Department of Community & Economic Development, Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212.

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TOAST of the TOWN

When it comes to good food and great times, Hamtramck has plenty to offer. In this column, we'll talk about what's happening at our bars, restaurants and other events that can be found throughout the city.

By Charles Sercombe

This weekend is one of the biggest and busiest nights for bars, outside of the holidays. Yes, there's something about Halloween that gets adults a bit frisky and eager to party.

Hamtramck's bars are ready for the thirsty crowds with a host of Halloween parties.

Perhaps one of the grooviest shindigs is at Small's on Saturday (Oct. 30) where the 3-D Invisibles will pump out their mix of garage, punk and pop thrown into the blender with trash pop culture from the 1960s and 70s.

Add in some sci-fi and monster movies with a cupful of horror comics throw in a pinch of weird TV, stir and chant magic spells and, well, you get the picture. By the end of night, you might feel like howling at the moon.

Oh, there's also a dress-up contest.

Over at The Belmont, they've got two nights of Halloween fun. On Friday, the bar hosts a "Haunted Halloween Costume Bash" with the Jesus Chainsaw Massacre playing. Wow, what a band name. Repeat that name several times fast. Then on Saturday, it's the "Devil's Costume Ball." Hmmmm ... we're all going to hell anyway, eh?

Things get a little arty over at The Painted Lady on Saturday where a "Celluloid Creeps" film will be shown.

You can count on Virginia Szymanski to get into the spirit of things. Her bar, Jean's, will throw down a "Spooktacular Halloween Bash" on Friday, featuring cash – yes cash – prizes for best costumed. We're going to get around to talking with Virg one of these days cause her place has been around here forever and Virg is fun to chat with.

Besides, we like her slogan: "Characters welcome."

Celina's is better known for being one of the town's best sports bars, but this Friday and Saturday it's all about Halloween with a \$100 prize for best costumed. That's 100 bucks being handed out

each night. From the looks of it, you could really rake in some dough this weekend

Kelly's Bar is back up and running and for blues lovers, this is the place. Ever since the much missed Attic Bar closed down, blues fans have had nowhere to turn for live music, at least in this area.

On Saturday, Kelly's will host "Night of the Living Blues & Hell of a Halloween Party." Talk about prizes, they are offering \$100 for best costumed, \$50 for most creative and \$25 for most gruesome. And if you bring in a carved pumpkin, there's a cash prize for best pumpkin.

As for the music part, it's an open blues jam, so you musicians out there bring your ax.

We're not sure if Skipper's bar needs a calendar or what, but on Veterans Day (Nov. 11), they're holding a "People of Walmart Costume Contest." You'd think the bar would want to hold a costume party this weekend, but Skipper's apparently sails a different course.

And just what are people of Walmart? If you haven't seen the images of the various shapes and sizes and ques-

tionable clothing tastes of some of the shoppers who frequent this place, well, we've included a few photos just to whet your appetite (or ruin it?).



This weekend is still Oktoberfest season and Hippo's still has a special on Spatan Oktoberfest beer – just \$3 for a pint. And oh yeah, they're hosting a Halloween party on Friday.

Here's a reminder everyone: This Sunday a new state drunk driving law kicks in. For those who blow over two times the legal alcohol/blood level, you will now be charged as being "super" drunk. As you can imagine the fines are even more draconian than ever. Plus, there's a better chance of being thrown into the hoosegow (for up to six months) and you'll have to give up driving for 45 days and then when you get your driving privilege back, you have to install a breathalyzer device.

All of this will add up to thousands of dollars you don't have, and good luck trying to get to work or school.

Cheers to all of you hobgoblins and have a drink on us (but not too many).

Do you know of a cool bar, a great restaurant or just a nice place to hang out? If you have tips on special events or just want to shine some light on your favorite spot send a message to news@thehamtramckreview.com or call us at (313) 874-2100.



City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the scoop and the highlights – as well as the lowlights – of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The City Council met on Oct. 26, and the meeting lasted for two hours. Councilmember Kazi Miah was the only one absent.

Wow. Here it is two weeks later and it seemed like we'd been here before, same room, same discussion. And that discussion Tuesday night was another long round about adopting a zoning law regulating where medical marijuana growers can operate.

Talk about a buzzkill.

In essence, the council decided to join a growing number of other communities by postponing any action on the issue until the state legislature tackles the law.

Councilmember Cathie Gordon proposed tabling the issue based on advice she received from state Rep. Bert Johnson. Johnson told her that state lawmakers will make changes to the law by early January because of so much confusion surrounding the voter-approved law.

Gordon also said the city ought to back off from "commercializing" the cultivation of the plant, saying it should remain a matter between a patient and their caregiver. The council has been debating where to allow medical marijuana collectives to operate.

Collectives are places where several growers can share space.

Councilmember Tom Jankowski, who voted against postponing the adoption of the zoning law, said that all the council is doing is saying where collectives can grow their product. He said ultimately it's up to the council and Plan Commission to decide on where collectives can operate on a case-by-case basis. He stressed this isn't about interpreting state law.

Councilmember Catrina Stackpoole said she, too, is in favor of postponing the issue because the law needs to be clarified. She said she doesn't want to see collectives invest money in

setting up shop only to see state lawmakers make changes that could derail the collectives.

In a related matter, a proposed ordinance submitted by Councilmember Jankowski to set up guidelines for issuing permits to the collectives was also put on hold until the council meets on Jan. 25.

Jankowski pointed out that by postponing the matter, anyone can still legally open up a collective and start growing marijuana because there is no local law regulating it.

What a long, strange trip it's been.

And now on to another puzzling and complicated issue.

The council may have opened the proverbial Pandora's Box with an ongoing discussion about adopting a law (proposed by Councilmember Gordon) to treat resale and second-hand shops the same as pawn shops. The law would require resale shops to record who sold their merchandise, take their finger-

prints, record what was purchased and hold those items for 15 days to see if they come up as stolen goods.

City Attorney James Allen confirmed that there is already a state law that requires all of that, which prompted Councilmember Stackpoole to say: "Why are we bothering doing this if we have a state law?"

Well, the short answer to that was supplied by Allen who said that by having a local law, court fines would go into the city's coffers instead of going to the state.

But this issue raised a number of concerns with Mayor Karen Majewski, who said she often deals in second-hand goods. She said requiring resale shops to catalogue merchandise and fingerprint those who sell goods is burdensome and is "archaic in the way these businesses operate."

Gordon conceded that it appears the city's police force is not enforcing the law and in fact may not even be aware of it. She stressed her concern is that stolen goods are being trafficked through some of the shops. She said that by adopting a local law, the enforcement aspect will be "softer" on the shops here in town.

Councilmember Jankowski jumped on that remark, asking Gordon if she advocates being "soft" on crime.

Gordon said her point is that by adopting a local law, it will educate the resale shops in town. Councilmember Stackpoole countered, saying the shops can be informed about the state law any time.

"Why are we wasting our time?" she said.

Mayor Majewski continued in her concern over how burdensome the law is. She said what if someone sold a vinyl record at one of the used record stores here? Would the store be required to fingerprint the seller and do all the paperwork required by state law?

Gordon dismissed the notion of local record stores being overburdened, saying it's likely a store like Record Graveyard buys at most three albums a week. (Editor's note: Cathie, you might want to check with the owner.

Your estimate is way, way off.)

Stackpoole sort of changed her tune from "why are we wasting our time" to, well, she has no problem passing a local law in order to keep court fines locally. But she noted that passing the law won't reduce criminals from stealing things. The criminals, she said, will just go someplace else that's easier to sell their stolen items.

She even took it one step further, saying that by making it easier to sell stolen items to shops in town, the victims have a better chance of recovering their goods.

Oy!

After all that discussion, the council, except for Jankowski, voted to hold a public hearing on the ordinance on Nov. 9. However, there is still debate on what the law should include.

"Is it required we mimic the state ordinance?" Majewski said at one point, and further questioned if things could be left out. She also wondered about "selective enforcement."

In a review of items that the city needs to pay, Councilmember Gordon motioned to withhold a \$68,000 payment owed to Detroit for water and sewer service. The council has been withholding that payment in retaliation against Detroit.

Detroit is withholding \$3 million in tax revenue from the GM Poletown plant in an ongoing legal dispute. Councilmember Jankowski was the only councilmember to oppose not paying Detroit.

The council agreed to lease the former PLAV Post 1 hall on Holbrook to the city's Friends of the Historical Commission for \$1 a year with an option to allow the organization to purchase the building for \$1.

The hall will be converted into a historical museum. Community & Economic Development Director Jason Friedmann explained that by leasing, the city can explore whether it can receive special grants to help the Friends group renovate the building.

The council also agreed to a deal where the city will purchase eight, possibly nine, houses and commercial buildings to renovate. The ambitious project is

being funded through a \$15 million federal stimulus grant (which is administered through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority).

Friedmann, who is the city's point person in the project, said he has yet to decide whether to buy one of the houses because it was recently destroyed in a fire. He said it might be to the advantage of the city to purchase it because demolition money can be tapped sooner than waiting for Wayne County to raze the structure.

He said houses will be redeveloped and offered for sale. The commercial properties will be developed into a combination of living quarters and a space for a commercial business.

OK, this next issue has several levels to it, so hold on. Councilmember Gordon noted that she saw a public notice in a recent issue of The Review in which the state's Liquor Control Commission is preparing to issue a "Club" liquor license to a non-profit group operating out of the former UAW hall at Holbrook and Lumpkin.

The group, she noted, mentors kids from age 7 to 18. Gordon said it's "morally" wrong to allow the group to sell liquor in the same building where kids are being mentored. She said the city has a "zero tolerance" policy on allowing children to be in establishment where liquor is sold and consumed.

Here's where something needs to be pointed out: Gordon is the owner of the New Dodge Lounge and was recently subjected to a sting operation from the Police Department in which underage decoys were sent to her bar to see if they would be carded.

Gordon's bar passed the test. Not so true with three other bars in town, including a bar owned by Councilmember Jankowski.

Now here's where things take a twist. That sting came a couple days after a vote was held on whether to approve the purchase of bullet proof vests for the Police Department using drug forfeiture funds. Jankowski was initially against it, saying since the police officers' union

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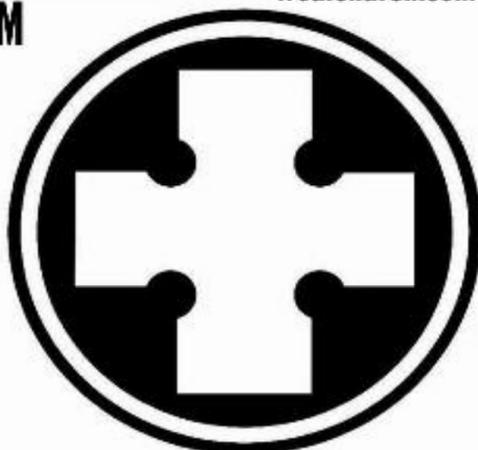
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refused to agree to salary cuts, which other city employees have either agreed to or were forced to take, the officers should be required to purchase vests out of their clothing allowance.

Jankowski eventually backed off from that position and agreed to the original purchase deal.

Although Gordon voted to approve the purchase, she had agreed to hold up the purchase to allow Jankowski to explore his proposal. The vote to purchase the vests came close to a deadline in which the Police Department could have lost a 50 percent matching grant from the Justice Department, meaning the city would have had to come up with the money.

That didn't go down well with the Police Department. Gordon questioned the timing of the bar stings and why her bar and Jankowski's were targeted.

Councilmember Stackpole said the group needs the license to hold fundraisers. Further discussion of the issue was held off until a formal re-

quest for the license will be presented to the council at its Nov. 9 meeting.

No matter, Gordon was adamant in not allowing the organization to have a license, and instead suggested the group rent a hall to hold fundraisers. (Editor's note: Hmmm ... maybe hold the fundraisers at, say, the New Dodge Lounge? Just kidding Cathie.)

Gordon was on a roll. Gordon had previously abstained in a vote to award a new contract to the city's legal firm, The Allen Brothers, but she questioned why the mayor and city manager agreed to pay the law firm the same amount of money it has paid for the last five years, considering the city's budget woes.

Mayor Majewski pointed out that the legal services were put out to bid and that the Allen Brothers bid was the best deal for the city.

Cosmos season presented a number of challenges

By Ian Perrotta

It may have been a losing season, but not all was lost for this year's Cosmos football team.

Despite finishing the season with a record of 1-8, the season can still be called a success. After last year's season took an unfortunate turn due to a player ineligibility scandal, the program was in serious jeopardy of falling apart. But thanks to the work of new head coach Leo Wells and his assistants, the team remains intact.

Things weren't exactly easy, though. Out of the 30 members of the team, only 10 had ever played organized football. Of those 10, only five had ever played at the varsity level. And unfortunately, toward the end of the season discipline issues forced a few players to be sidelined, which may have cost a few wins down the road.

But even with the challenges they faced, many players were able to put up some impressive stats. Offensively, Junior quarterback Kurel Butler finished with 650 yards passing and 8 touchdowns, while Senior tight end Djuan Wilson had 15 catches for 306 yards and a team-high five touchdowns.

Junior running back Jonathon Blanding ran the ball for 290 yards and three touchdowns. Defensively, Wilson led the team with 64 tackles and nine sacks. Blanding finished with 55 tackles.

"I thought it was a good season overall," said Wells. "A lot of our kids played at a varsity level when they probably should have been playing junior varsity, but it was a great way for them to get experience. I think we'll do a lot better next year."

New traffic light causing more back-ups

By Charles Sercombe

There might be one thing we can all agree on.

Bring back the blinking red traffic light on Caniff in front of the fire station. The city was forced to end the practice of allowing motorists to stop and drive through the red light when new traffic lights were installed over the summer.

That's because \$800,000 in federal money was used to upgrade traffic lights along Caniff, and federal safety rules don't allow blinking red traffic lights, said City Manager Bill Cooper.

The lights are supposed to change their timing based on the volume of cars on the road.

Well, what's happened is that traffic is now backing up in front of the fire station and down Caniff, causing long delays in getting through the intersection.

"I understand the problem," said Cooper. "I've been caught in a few jams."

There's no chance to bring back a blinking red light,

Cooper said, because the city could be forced to repay the money to the government.

But there may be a solution. Hamtramck Fire Chief Steve Paruk said the crux of the problem is that drivers who are turning left on Mackay or turning left on Brombach have five extra seconds of green light to turn.

However, those drivers are unaware that oncoming traffic has a red light.

Paruk said a green arrow needs to be installed as well as a sign telling drivers they can complete their left turn on the arrow.

As for traffic back-ups in front of the station, he said there's no danger of fire trucks being blocked from answering an emergency call.

Paruk said traffic can easily be cleared in front of the station because there is a button firefighters can push that activates the green traffic light.

Now if only there were a similar button for motorists.

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Obituaries

PISARSKI

Stephen Pisarski, 90, died October 8, 2010.

Mr. Pisarski served during World War II where he was a Corporal I the 21st Field Artillery. He received the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal and also earned three Bronze Stars.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Angeline.

Mr. Pisarski is survived by many nieces and nephews and his sister, Stephanie Missinni.

Funeral arrangements were made by John J. Skupny Funeral Home, and funeral services will be held on November 6 at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church at 11 a.m. with Fr. Bogdan Milosz officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

SISKOWSKI

Joseph T. Siskowski, 78, died October 24, 2010.

Mr. Siskowski was a former Hamtramck resident and served in the Army during the Korean War as a paratrooper.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Diane and grandson, Paul Siskowski.

Mr. Siskowski is survived by his daughter, Karen (David) Wells; sons, Mark (Cindy) Siskowski and Nickolas Siskowski; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were made by John J. Skupny Funeral Home, and funeral services were held on October 28 at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church with Fr. Bogdan Milosz officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

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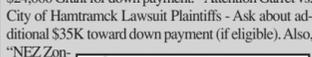
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It's all smiles at Hamtramck High



By Ian Perrotta

Say cheese!

It was picture day at Hamtramck High on Tuesday (Oct. 26). Photographers from Life-touch Photography came to the school to take portraits of students for both their parents and to be used in the yearbook.

To help out the photographers, a group of student volunteers checked everyone in and ushered them to the staging area. After a quick adjustment to the poser's posture, it was *click* and on to the next.

So why is this news? Well, it's not the most important thing that happened, but it's a snapshot of everyday life here in Hamtramck. There are plenty of potential news stories in town – we just need to know about them. If you know of a person, business, club, organization or event that you think is newsworthy, drop us a line and tell us about it.

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My "unprecedented" personal endorsements for the November 2 election

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businesses. This bill is appalling, to say the least, and not something that best aids this city. Without small business, Hamtramck would evaporate. John Chouinard is dead set against this bill because he understands the value, and important role, small businesses have to, and in, the cities and their residents. Raising taxes is not problem solving – it's adding to the problem. What we need is to bring back manufacturing to this country, and once again be the industrialized superpower we once were.

excellent Representative for Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park, the Grosse Pointes, and portions of Detroit. I am truly proud to give this Republican candidate, as well as Gubernatorial Candidate Rick Snyder, my endorsements.

I believe Hamtramck has tried the Democratic party for over 50 years now, and that perhaps they should start to consider a Republican version of government, and see how that works – and then, if you don't like that either, go back to the Democrats. I believe John Chouinard would make an

As is standard, I have allowed my longtime editor Charles Sercombe to make the official endorsements as he sees fit, on behalf of The Review. These, instead, are my own personal endorsements – in case you are wondering about any seeming conflict. In any event, whether you are a Democrat, Independent, or Republican, do get out and vote on November 2, and exercise your privileged right, as granted to you by the Constitutions of Michigan and the United States. And may God bless you and yours, and may God in Christ bless the United States of America.

City officials buzzkill any more talk on pot law

By Charles Sercombe

The talking is over for now when it comes to marijuana and the City Council.

The council decided at Tuesday's council meeting to snuff out further discussion on where to allow medical marijuana growing collectives to operate until state legislators take a look at the voter-approved law.

allow growing facilities to operate. Councilmember Cathie Gordon is adamant about keeping collectives off of Jos. Campau, saying the city's main business district should be preserved for retail businesses.

The law was actually passed by an overwhelming majority of voters two years ago. Since then, many communities across the state are having a hard time figuring out how to regulate the sale and growth of medical marijuana because they view the law as too open-ended and vague.

Although she conceded there are a lot of empty storefronts – referring to it as "decay" – she insists the city needs to keep Jos. Campau solely for retail, not collectives that are shutoff to the general public.

Supporters of the law say it was purposely worded to be that way in order to avoid lawmakers from restricting it.

One thing they all agreed on is to keep commercial operations out of the neighborhoods because of possible odors from the plants and the possibility of attracting crime.

According to media reports, state legislators are expected to tackle the law as soon as a new session begins in January.

Although the council has stepped away – at least for the moment – from regulating marijuana cultivation, that doesn't mean the issue is dead. As Councilmember Tom Jankowski pointed out, anyone can still open a collective because state law permits it.

Hamtramck's City Council has tabled proposed zoning and licensing laws until Jan. 25 in order to see what changes are made to the state law.

It's unlikely, however, anyone would risk investing money into such an operation since state lawmakers may put severe restrictions on the law or even attempt to abolish it.

Still, the council seemed to be divided about where to

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Gardener's Corner ...

By Kathleen Wojcinski

Here's a fall fun project for everyone.

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Now is the time to cut back perennials, including ornamental grasses. Cut down to a few inches from the soil and mulch against the cold. Or, you may want to leave the seedy plants alone for birds to nibble.

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Metro news ...

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. If you were to rely solely on the local mainstream media, you'd think Detroit is no more than a crime-infested wasteland. Well, we're here to say that isn't so. Our friends over at modeldmedia.com and metromode.com have been

reporting on fascinating development projects for the past few years. With their permission, here is a round-up of their reports from the past week:

General Motors, Detroit and Hamtramck are helping lead the way this year when it comes automotive sustainability. All three institutions are now the home to

solar-powered electric charging stations for the new Chevrolet Volt. The Volt, a primarily electric-powered car, is being built at the Detroit-Hamtramck assembly plant. That's the first place GM has installed 34 electric charging stations at the plant with 10 of those stations powered by Solar Tree solar panels from Envision

Solar International. Similar solar systems will also be installed at the Warren Technical Center and Milford Proving Grounds. Eighteen electric charging stations are being installed in and around the Renaissance Center. "We're going to put quite a few in GM facilities," says Scott Fosgard, a spokesman for GM. "We're

not done." DTE Energy and Consumers Energy are pledging to install 5,000 of these electric charging stations for the Volt. GM plans to install 350 such electric charging stations, and has already made about 100 useable in Michigan. GM also plans to install these electric charging station in 1,500 automotive dealer-

ships across the U.S. that are authorized to sell or provide service to the Volt, which is set to launch in 2011.

Source: Scott Fosgard, spokesman for General Motors

Writer: Jon Zemke

Couple goes high tech to capture the paranormal

By Ian Perrotta

If there's something strange in your neighborhood, who you gonna call?

The Detroit Area Paranormal Research Society (DAPRS), that's who you.

Over the last year, local residents Matthew Herch and his fiancé Julie Kelly have been working to organize and equip a team to observe and document the area's paranormal activity. Now – just in time for Halloween – they're ready to investigate the strange and unexplainable involving everything from ghosts and poltergeists to UFOs and unknown creatures.

For anyone who has questions about an odd or unsettling experience, DAPRS can give you answers. Beginning

with a request for assistance, DAPRS then conducts an interview to obtain more information about the occurrence. After that, it researches the history of the site to determine what the source of the activity could be.

Then comes the fun part. After the research phase, DAPRS is ready to begin the actual investigation. This involves going on location to the site of the paranormal occurrence to collect evidence that either confirms or denies its existence. Once this has been completed – a process that usually takes between two and six hours – a detailed report is written up. Depending on the findings of the investigation, further action may be recommended.

During the investigation phase, the team uses an assortment of high-tech tools to verify their findings. In addition to both a regular and digital camera, the team also uses a 720p HD digital camcorder, digital voice and micro-cassette recorders, an electromagnetic field (EMF)

detector, thermometers and computer software to detect the presence of the paranormal. And the best part is that they do it all for free.

So how did it all begin? Well, Herch got interested in the paranormal as a young child, after the death of his great-grandfather. During the

week that followed his death, Herch and his family experienced a number of strange smells and noises. Kelly also had first-hand experience with strange sensations when at the age of 17 she heard her voice being called despite being in an empty house. Those events

ate a list of haunted places that will be compiled into a list of interesting sites. To document the DAPRS's past investigations and ongoing progress a website has been set up, and it is there that you can get in contact with the team if you're interested in having them conduct an investigation.

"Our goal is to help people who see, hear or feel things that they don't understand," says Herch. "We want to try and help them either work through it or get rid of it – or at very least explain it."

The Detroit Area Paranormal Research Society can be found on the web at www.detroitaprs.info. Herch also writes a local blog called "Opinions of a Madman" which can be found at <http://www.matthewherch.blogspot.com>.



had a profound enough effect to pique a lifetime of curiosity for the both of them. Now, through DAPRS they're ready to help others figure out the causes and meanings of their paranormal encounters. Right now DAPRS is working on a project called "Call for Content" which seeks to cre-

ate a list of haunted places that will be compiled into a list of interesting sites. To document the DAPRS's past investigations and ongoing progress a website has been set up, and it is there that you can get in contact with the team if you're interested in having them conduct an investigation.

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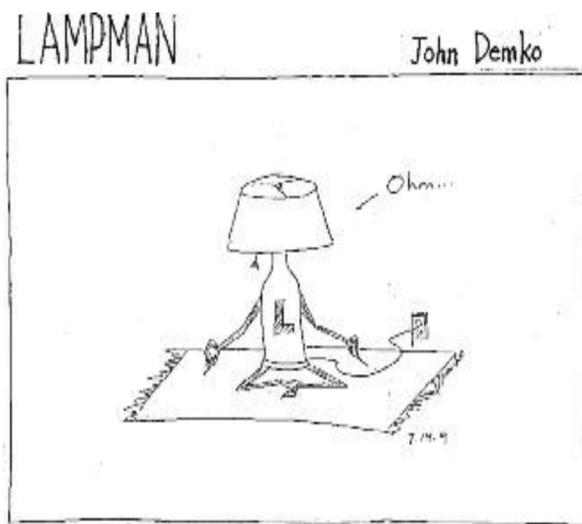
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