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Quick Hits

By Ian Perrotta

They look like us, talk like us and act like us. The only difference is we are ordinary Americans and they are heroes.

In this case, "they" are veterans of our armed forces, and this Sunday (Nov. 11), PLAV Post 10 and the Hamtramck Allied Veterans Council will honor them with their annual Veterans Day open house.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the ceremony kicks off with a champagne toast at 11 a.m. sharp. After the toast, a short ceremony will commemorate Hamtramck's 2012 Veteran of the Year. Refreshments will follow.

This year Hamtramck's veterans will be joined by two busloads of patients from the Hamilton Assisted Living Facility in Highland Park. Homeless veterans from a shelter on Piquette and Brush are also expected to attend.

"We owe our freedom to veterans 365 days a year," says event co-organizer Marty Kmiecik. "It's important to recognize them on at least one of them."

PLAV Post 10 is located at 11824 Jos. Campau. For more information on the upcoming Veterans Day ceremonies contact (313) 893-1355.

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Honoring Veterans Sunday, Nov. 11th



Hamtramck voters do a replay of the 2008 election

By Charles Sercombe

Just like in the 2008 presidential election, Hamtramck voters came out in droves last Tuesday.

And also just like in the '08 election they gave their support to Barack Obama.

Over 5,000 voters hit the polls Tuesday (the exact number was not known at press time), and they overwhelmingly supported President Obama in his re-election bid.

That's certainly no surprise since Hamtramck has long been a Democratic stronghold.

Voters here differed with voters statewide in their support

for state proposals 2, 3 and 4. Statewide, all six state proposals were rejected, including one that would uphold a new emergency manager law.

That law would have given state-appointed emergency managers wider latitude in dealing with union contracts. With its defeat, emergency managers have to abide by union contracts.

Unlike some other cities in the metro area, voting went relatively smoothly. The longest wait to vote was about one-and-a-half hours. There was also some confusion by voters who

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Over 5,000 voters turned out in Hamtramck on Tuesday. The longest wait to vote was about one-and-a-half hours.

Family comes full circle back to Hamtramck

By Ian Perrotta

Hungry at 3 a.m.?

Hamtramck's newest eatery can help fill the void in your stomach.

On Monday, L. George's Coney Island officially opened its doors to the public at the former Clock Restaurant space. Family-owned and operated by the father-and-son team of Vaselj (Vasso) and

Tony Lucaj, the restaurant offers an assortment of items traditional to a Coney Island menu.

However, the similarities between L. George's and other Coney Islands end there. Immediately upon walking into the refurbished dining area – complete with a new counter and spiffy neon sign – it is apparent that L. George's is a

different breed.

"The biggest difference between us and other places is our cleanliness, customer service, and overall organization," says Tony Lucaj. "Everything is hand-made and home-made. We take a lot of pride in our work here."

Another thing that Lucaj says makes L. George's stand out from similar busi-

nesses is the establishment's use of locally-sourced products. By shopping at places like Eastern Market and in Hamtramck's numerous ethnic grocery stores, the quality of ingredients on the menu can stay high even while the prices remain low.

"It's important to help other businesses in the area," says

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Financial watch continues

By Charles Sercombe

Now that the state's relatively new emergency manager law has been struck down by state voters, what does this mean for Hamtramck?

"Basically, we're in a holding pattern," said Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag.

Hamtramck is like many other cities and school districts that are teetering on the brink of financial collapse. In other words: We're about to run out of money.

The new emergency law, called Act 4, gave managers sweeping powers, including the ability to tear up union employee contracts and renegotiate them.

Act 4 replaced a prior law called Act 72 that gave limited authority to what was called an emergency financial manager. Hamtramck had an EFM several years ago who was appointed by the state to take over financial control of the city.

That EFM, Lou Schimmel, managed to negotiate outsourcing much of the city's services, but he could not undo contract terms.

Hamtramck's financial woes were corrected, but after Schimmel left an economic tsunami occurred in this country that lead to massive cuts in state budgets and huge declines in property values.

Hamtramck lost about \$3 million per year from various revenue streams.

And that's the amount that

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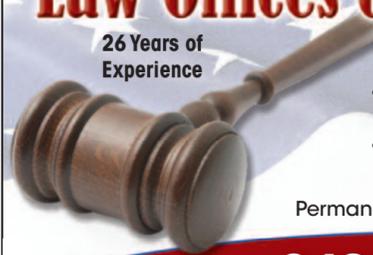
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

The City of Hamtramck is holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212, to receive comments from the public on a proposed pawn shop ordinance

The public is invited to attend and comment on the proposal during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before November 6, 2012. Written comments should be made to the attention of the City Clerk, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

Family comes full circle back to Hamtramck

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Lucaj. "The more we shop in Hamtramck, the more money stays in the area, which benefits everyone."

With talk like that it already seems like Lucaj is a local, a statement which is itself not too far from the truth. In fact, Tony Lucaj was actually born in Hamtramck, as his family lived in the city for a number of years after emigrating from what at the time was Yugoslavia.

When they found out The Clock restaurant was for sale earlier this year, the family's fond memories and experiences of Hamtramck brought them back.

"I was born and raised in Hamtramck, and you never forget where you came from," says Lucaj. "Also, at the end of the day safety was one of the biggest factors in choosing a new location, and Hamtramck is completely safe."

Now that everything has come full circle and the family is back in Hamtramck, the Lu-



Say good-bye to the old Clock Restaurant and hello to Hamtramck's newest Coney Island: L. George's.

cajs are ready to serve up some heaping portions of stand-by favorites. In addition to the regular menu that features breakfast items, soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers, and — of course — coney, there is a reasonably-priced rotating lunch special with a

different plate each day.

"I can't really say I have a favorite," says Lucaj. "I wouldn't steer anyone away from anything."

L. George's Coney Island is located at 11444 Jos. Campau (the site of the former Clock Restaurant) and is open 24 hours a day Monday through Saturday and until 3 p.m. on Sunday — just look for the new sign and freshly paved parking lot.

Coming events

NOVEMBER 14, Wed., 11 a.m. — The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will meet at Queen of Apostles Activity Center, entrance on Harold, fenced parking.

NOVEMBER 18, Sun., noon — The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will take part in a Corporate Communion Memorial Mass at Queen of Apostles Church, with lunch to follow Mass.

Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition meets every second Thursday of the month (next meeting: Nov. 8), 11 a.m. at The Piast Institute, 11633 Jos. Campau.

Financial watch continues

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city officials can't overcome in finding savings — unless city employees, including police, fire and pensioners, agree to concessions.

Actually, police officers have already agreed to changes in their contract. City officials have yet to come to terms with firefighters, and

have not yet approached retirees.

In the meantime, city officials are waiting to hear back from the state about an emergency \$3 million loan. That loan will keep the city afloat for awhile, but eventually the money will run out.

On Thursday, the city council was scheduled to meet in a special meeting to continue discussing the financial situation.

Tertzag said he hopes to have a budget deficit elimination plan to present at the meeting.

Last week the council was given three possible financial scenarios, which included how long the city could last with an emergency loan and skipping certain payments.

The rosier picture painted was that the city could make it through its budget year, which ends June 30.



By Ian Perrotta

This week's Crime Log covers Thursday, November 1 through Wednesday, November 7.

Thursday, November 1

• At 11:24 p.m. on October 31 a female was arrested for felonious assault during an altercation in the 2600 block of Neibel. One of her juvenile sons was injured and transported to Children's Hospital. Her other juvenile son was turned over to arrestee's brother per Child Protective Services.

• At 8:25 a.m. a man reported that person(s) unknown stole his 2006 Mazda from the 2300 block of Holmes.

• At 10:54 a.m. a woman entered the station and reported that she was assaulted by her boyfriend.

• At 11:13 a.m. a man reported his watch missing under suspicious circumstances.

• At 11:30 a.m. officers conducted a death investiga-

tion on Mitchell.

• At 12:50 p.m. a man reported that person(s) unknown stole his Volkswagen from the area of Holbrook and Conant.

• At 3 p.m. a man reported two black males who were known to him assaulted him and stole his iPod while on Casmere near Gallagher.

• At 3:06 p.m. a man reported that a black male known to him stole his cell phone after asking to borrow it.

• At 11:38 p.m. a man was arrested for violating the knife ordinance and felony warrant out of Shelby Township during a traffic stop at Oklahoma and Carpenter.

• At 11:42 p.m. a woman from the 3000 block of Lehman reported an unknown person tried to break into her residence but appeared to be scared off by the alarm.

• At 11:59 p.m. two males were arrested during a traffic stop on Nagel south of Car-

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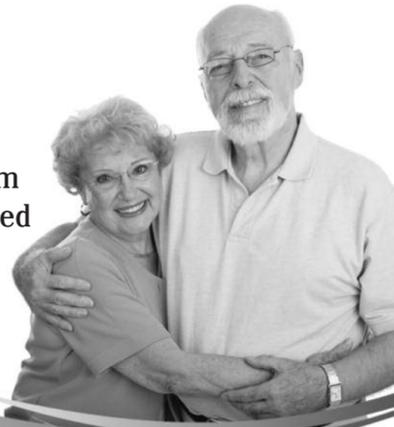


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This week at the library...

Story Time for Children - Saturday, November 10, at 11 a.m. Join your friends at the library for a reading of "How to Make an Apple Pie."

ESL Class with Christine Templin - Saturday, November 10 at noon. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Christine Templin, free to the public.

Math Kangaroo Club - Tuesday, November 13 at 3:30 p.m. Learn math in a fun way, and prepare for the annual international math contest while improving your grades in school.

Financial Activist Club - Tuesday, November 13 at 5 p.m. Hamtramck residents of all ages are invited to join the financial workshops, designed to expand your knowledge at budgeting and investing. Registration is required.

ESL Conversation Class - Tuesday, November 13 at 4 p.m. Ms. Trisa conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

Computer Classes for Beginners - Wednesday, November 14 at 11 a.m. Learn basic computer skill and how to navigate the Internet or use email. Registration is required, space is limited.

Family Game Night - Thursday, November 15 at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in games and contests during family night. This week it is bingo night.

Annual Library Dinner Program - Thursday, November 15, at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in the annual library dinner program, organized by the Friends of Hamtramck Library in the PNA Hall on Conant Street, corner of Belmont. During the program new members will be inducted to the Hall of Honor. Family style, all you can eat dinner, will be served by Polonia

Restaurant. Donation is \$25 per person. Door prize drawing will be held at the end of the program (top prize is a flat screen HDTV set). Reservation is required by no later than Monday, November 12. Please call the Library at (313) 365-7050, or George Gorday at (313) 365-5310.

Medicare & Medicaid Sign-up - Friday, November 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. People's Community Services and Corinthian Church will hold a Medicare and Medicaid sign-up workshop at the library on Friday, November 16. This service is free to all Hamtramck residents.

ESL Class with Latisha Edge - Friday, November 16 at 3 p.m. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Latisha Edge, free to the public.

Make'nTake Crafts - Tuesday, November 20, at 4 p.m. All children are invited for this Thanksgiving arts and crafts workshop

Toddler Time at the Library - Monday, November 26 at 11 a.m. Join us for story time, arts & crafts, games and other fun activities. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

Movie Night - Thursday, November 29 at 4 p.m. All children are invited for a movie and popcorn. This week's feature to be announced.

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, December 13 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

Friends of the Library Meeting - Thursday, December 20 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

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.

Second Front Page

Frontier soccer team scores an upset in state championship play

By Ian Perrotta

Before last Saturday (Nov. 3), most people had never heard of Frontier International Academy. It only took 90 minutes to change that.

The school's unranked soccer team stunned No. 8 Grand Rapids Covenant Christian, beating the Chargers 3-2 in the Division 4 final to

gahim.

In the second half, the Knights sealed the deal by scoring two more goals in rapid succession. Both goals came from Algahim, who scored on an assist from Nahshal and then two minutes later with a head shot. Algahim finished the season with 25 goals total.

much stiffer competition from other teams in earlier playoff rounds. The Knights beat five top-ten teams before making it to the championship, including No. 1-ranked Lansing Christian in the regional finals.

With an impressive run like that, it's safe to say the upstart team from Hamtramck



Three years after its inaugural season the Frontier International Academy soccer team became Division 4 state champs. The unranked Knights beat five top-ten teams on their way to the title match and defeated eighth-seeded Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 3-2 in the championship game.

become state champions. It was only the third year Frontier International has participated in the sport.

Frontier International took an early lead two minutes into the game and never looked back. The team was up 1-0 after the first half junior midfielder Mujeeb Nahshal scored his sixth goal of the season with an assist from senior forward Baleegh Al-

Along with its explosive offense, the team's defense also played a big role in the championship game. Grand Rapids was held at bay throughout much of the match, and even when they managed to shoot the ball

goalkeeper Ammar Abdullah saved 12 of 14 shots. Though the Grand Rapids team put up a good fight, Frontier had already faced

will not go unnoticed next year. The squad will remain mostly intact – only four members will be lost to graduation – and according to Frontier International Athletic Director Mohammed Alasanai, the JV team is full of talent.

"We had a great season this year," said Alasanai. "And we expect to be competitive next season, too."

New charter schools draw away students from public schools

By Charles Sercombe

Public Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay was bracing for a loss of 300-400 students this year, thanks to the opening of two more charter schools in town.

But instead of losing a massive number of kids, this year's headcount is down by just 91 students.

The district says it now has 2,893 students. The loss of students this year will translate into less state revenue money for the district. For every student counted, the district receives almost \$7,000.

The drop in students means a loss of a little over \$600,000. Niczay said it is not likely the district will have to lay off employees to make up for the loss.

"We did a good job watching our dollars," he said.

The public school district has lost hundreds of students to competing charter schools operating in the area over the last several years. Two more charter schools opened this year.

One of the new schools, Caniff Liberty, operating out of the former Dickinson West Elementary School, is catering to the area's Bangladeshi community.

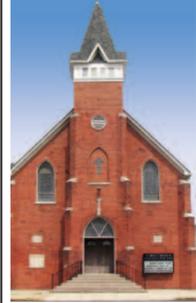
Had the district lost 400 students, as Niczay feared,

the district would be looking at almost \$3 million less in state financial aid, which would have been a devastating blow.

There are now seven charter schools in the Ham-

tramck area.

Niczay said he will have a more complete financial picture of the district's financial situation ready for the Nov. 14 school board meeting.



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Hamtramck voters do a replay of the 2008 election

opted to vote absentee but showed up at the polls to vote in person.

In those cases, said City Clerk Marie Kendzierski, the absentee ballots were taken away and considered spoiled. Voters were then allowed to vote again.

Because of the large turnout and lengthy ballot, the Hamtramck results weren't available until about 3 a.m. the next morning.

At most precincts, a steady stream of voters turned out all day. Here are some tidbits from Tuesday:

Walking into the Hamtramck

Senior Apartments to vote was Nancy Teatro who was quickly approached by an Obama campaigner. She waived him off, saying: "I'm Obama all the way."

And that summed up how Hamtramck voted.

But not all Obama supporters, or we should say former Obama supporters, were "all the way."

Sitting on a planter at Belmont and Jos. Campau was a long-haired hipster who would only give his first name, Aaron. He was holding a handmade sign that said: "Hail to the thieves 2012."

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Asked to explain, Aaron said big money interests have basically bought the election.

"The election has been bought and paid for," he said. Aaron said he supported

McIlhenny, Obama has lied, failed economically and botched the Benghazi embassy incident.

And that was just warming up.

"Morally, Romney knows



Not everyone in town was pleased with President Obama. Former Obama supporter, Aaron, showed his frustration with the election process while sitting on a planter on Jos. Campau and Belmont.

Obama in '08, but became disenchanted.

"I learned more and more and it's special interests that run the government," he said.

He also opposes Obama allowing the use of military drones.

"Civilians die for zero reasons," he said.

As for politics, Aaron, even at age 21, is cynical.

"I have no faith," he said. "The only faith I have is for the people. That's who I am trying to reach out to."

Although Hamtramck is heavily Democratic, we do have some Republicans here (a little over 500 voted for Romney). Take Ibrahim Aljahim, an immigrant from Yemen. You'd think that like most immigrants, he would be solidly Democratic, but not so.

He said he voted for Romney because "we need a businessman in the White House."

He also doesn't think much of Obama's foreign policy.

"He is not doing foreign policy," Aljahim said.

Over at Baker's Streetcar Bar on Jos. Campau, Dan McIlhenny from Dearborn was sipping a beer and expanded on a litany of reasons why Obama should not be re-elected. According

what's good for the country," he added.

But down at the end of the bar Archie Mendalski was having none of it.

"When you're drinking, you don't want to hear anyone's opinion," he said.

But that didn't stop McIlhenny from opining.

"Get out of here before you get in a fight," Mendalski snarled while McIlhenny talked on.

And that was a snippet from

Obituaries

MYERS

Alex R. Myers, 78, died November 2, 2012.

Mr. Myers was a retired electrical inspector for the City of Hamtramck and was also employed at the Walker Signs Co.

Mr. Myers was a U.S. Navy veteran, a past Commander of the PLAV #6, past Grand Commander of Malaga 188 Sancho Caravan, and member of the Half Century Club and the John W. Smith Old Timers Red & White Fez Club. He was also past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Cardinal Mercier & 4th Degree Assemblé.

Mr. Myers is survived by his wife, Joanne; daughters, Arlene (Anthony) Borek, Cheryl (Damon) Olko; sons, Paul Myers and Richard (Sandra) Utykanski; sister, Florence; brother, James Myers; grandchildren, Jonathan, Matthew, Nathan, Daric, Ian; great

grandchild, Stacy.

Funeral services were held November 6, 2012 at St. Ladislaus Church, with entombment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz and Wilk Funeral Home.

HOJNACKI

Henry P. Hojnacki, 71, died November 2, 2012.

Mr. Hojnacki was a retired Hamtramck cab driver, a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the AMVETS.

Mr. Hojnacki is survived by his former spouse, Diane Thomas; daughter, Janette Hojnacki; son, Michael Hojnacki; step-daughter, Lannette Thomas; sister, Betty Crooms; and grandchild, Alex El-Ali.

Funeral services were held November 8, 2012 at Krot Funeral Home, with burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

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Review: Opinion Page

Street repair fund should be used for streets, not payroll

Perhaps one of the more curious things to come to light in all the recent talk about the city's financial situation is that we have been sitting on \$3 million in road repair funds.

The fund is commonly referred to as Act 51.

That's \$3 million that could have been used to begin a slow but steady improvement of Hamtramck's busted up roads.

We can also tap into 10 percent of the money to begin fixing up sidewalks.

"Could have" is the operative phrase here, because instead of making repairs, the

city just sat on the money.

And the worst part is that slip and fall lawsuits have sharply increased in recent years because the city has failed to make repairs. In fact, there have been so many lawsuits the city is basically now self-insured.

That means any successful lawsuit award comes out of our pockets.

We don't know who to blame for allowing road repair money to go unused, but it is refreshing to hear that Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag is coming up with a plan to begin sidewalk repairs.

It's likely that one reason

city officials refused to spend the money is so they could use it to make employee payrolls. Out of the \$3 million, \$500,000 has already been tapped for payroll.

The city is obligated to pay that back.

There is a lot of hard work ahead for city officials to figure out how to balance the budget. Balancing the budget, however, should not come at the expense of funding street and sidewalk repairs.

Let's start spending that money the way it is supposed to be used.

Odds & Ends

Cat's meow ... Review reader Michelle Odrobina-Jiompkowski emailed us this week asking if we knew of anyone looking for a kitten to adopt. She initially had three to offer, but now it's down to two.

Here's what Michelle had to say:

"Two boy kitties from Hamtramck need permanent

homes. They're neutered and are litter trained, are getting used to humans, although still a little shy. In color, they're striking with gray and white coats, about three months old and, of course, cute. Please contact Heide of the Hamtramck Cat Assistance Team (H-CAT) at mission@comcast.net for more details."

DDA breakfast ... Want to know what Hamtramck's Downtown Development Authority is up to? The DDA is inviting all Hamtramck merchants to a special breakfast at ACME Restaurant (located at 9737 Jos. Campau) next Tuesday (Nov. 13), from 8 to 10 a.m.

It's free, so stop on by.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

This Sunday, take time out to honor our veterans

By David Romainville

On Memorial Day we gather to honor those who have paid the ultimate price by losing their lives defending our country.

On Veterans Day we get to thank and show our gratitude for their service protecting the lifestyles we enjoy in our United States. We live in the greatest democracy in the world thanks to our veterans. These are the servicemen that are the fortunate ones that got to come home after their service in the military.

This Veterans Day (Sunday, Nov. 11) the Hamtramck Allied Veterans Council (HAVC) will host an open house at PLAV Post 10 to honor our veterans. There will be many local veterans from our area to honor, including some disabled

veterans from a local nursing home.

All are welcome to attend to thank them for their service. Ceremonies commence at 11 a.m. sharp. At that time a short speech, prayer, toast and presentation to this year's Veteran of the Year, Mr. Jerome Balcerzak, will take place.

Veterans Day is our national holiday where we honor the men and women that have served our nation. When a person signs up to join the Armed Forces many never know if they will have to witness the atrocities of war today. Some joined while we needed people to defend our country at a time of war.

During World War II many enlisted to protect the United States and defend our allies.

Our whole country got behind our troops during that war effort. Some got drafted years later and served during unpopular wars like Vietnam.

All veterans of war share the painful memories that can haunt their minds for years. They have had to see and do things that civilians can only imagine. Veterans come home from war as changed people. Some are able to cope and re-enter civilian life by burying or erasing their war experiences. Some do not do as well. Some come home wounded physically and some mentally. Many get diseases from chemical contact years after leaving the war theater. And while not every recruit becomes a veteran of war, all recruits take the same oath to serve and

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On Veterans Day, remember that war is not the answer

As a military veteran (Army, infantry, Vietnam) I invite everyone to take a few moments this Sunday and think about the interconnectedness of life.

Why this Sunday? Because the eleventh day of the eleventh month was originally called Armistice Day – a day to mark the end of WWI and the beginning of world peace.

Congress passed a resolution that said in part, "this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual under-

standing between nations," and they invited "the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

Unfortunately, like many other "days," the original meaning has been forgotten, or intentionally changed. This day is now called "Veterans Day," and what will be promoted is the military solution to conflict resolution. There will be much talk of "patriotism," and "sacrifice," and "love of country," and "defend-

ing our freedom" but little about "mutual understanding" or "friendly relations" or non-violent solutions to conflict.

Peace cannot be obtained by bombs, bullets, invasions and occupations. Peace cannot be obtained by violence. Peace can only be obtained by the simple, yet courageous act of talking, and developing mutual understanding. Violence is the barbarian solution to conflict. Think about it this Sunday.

Arnold Stieber
Grass Lake, MI

School board considers what to do with recreation commission

By Charles Sercombe

Should there be a Recreation Commission in Hamtramck?

That's a question the Hamtramck Public School Board is now pondering. And it's a good question why the commission should continue: It has met only twice so far this year, and the terms of three of its six members expired about a year ago.

The school board met in a special session Wednesday evening to consider a resolution to disband the commission.

That proposal caught some off guard. Recreation Director Craig Daniels questioned the suddenness of the proposal without prior discussion.

"How did we get to the point of disbanding the commission?" he said.

Boardmember Titus Walters agreed.

"This is a gross overreach," he said of the resolution.

Boardmember Magdalena Srodek said that the commission essentially disbanded itself by not meeting for several months.

The commission needs at least four members to hold a meeting. Normally there are seven members on the commission, but the Recreation Department has been unable to attract a seventh member.

Commission members said that without a seventh member, it's hard to get a quorum to show up for its monthly meetings.

Disbanding the commission comes with a consequence that caused boardmembers to pause. If the commission were to be disbanded, the school board could not legally re-establish it later, said school district attorney Gerald Butler.

The commission, according

to state law, would have to be created by another government agency, such as the city council.

School district attorney Butler said another option would be to suspend the commission while the board considers whether to restructure the commission or get rid of it.

That was the option that the board eventually agreed on, but changed the wording to "adjourning" the commission's meetings until further notice.

The special board meeting also exposed a simmering friction with one of the commission members.

District Superintendent Tom Niczay was the first to mention the behavior of Dave Olko, who was the commission chairman until his term expired.

Niczay objected to Olko pointing at him and making remarks while the board was talking. He asked that Olko be

told to leave if he continued.

Later in the meeting, Boardmember Hedy Shulgon talked about her treatment at past commission meetings. Although she did not name Olko, she said that she had been told she could not talk at commission meetings and was even told to "go to hell."

Shulgon had previously told The Review it was Olko who said that.

When Olko was asked by Board President Yvonne Myrick if he had anything to say, Olko declined, saying that he would only have "negative" things to say.

He then said: "I take my hat out of the ring. I will not deal with these people."

He then left the meeting.

School district attorney Butler immediately recommended the board accept Olko's resignation, which the board promptly did.

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Block club 'thanks' drivers for stopping

By Charles Sercombe

You'd think a stop sign and a red blinking traffic light would get the attention of drivers.

Think again.

Neil Yaremchuk of the Midtown Block Club lives near the intersection of Brombach and Evaline, where there is indeed a stop sign and a red blinking traffic light. Every day, he sees drivers blow through the intersection without stopping.

He and his wife have two kids, and he said there are at least 20 other kids living in the immediate area.

So far, no one has been injured, but he's worried it's a tragedy waiting to happen.

"It's only not a big deal until someone gets hurt," Yaremchuk said.

Recently, several members

of the block club that Yaremchuk is also a member of stood at the intersection holding signs that said: "The Midtown Block Club thanks you for stopping."

In the meantime, he has asked the police chief to periodically assign a traffic patrol officer near the intersection to help reinforce what a stop sign and red blinking traffic light means.

Just a heads-up, drivers.



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

Here is part two of the Oct. 23 city council meeting. All councilmembers were in attendance.

In a proposal to transfer a liquor license from the former owner of Atlas Bar to a new owner who plans to rename the Brombach and Yemans St. establishment to "Club Irene," Councilmember Robert Zwolak reminded his colleagues that the previous owner had a "good neighbor" agreement.

The agreement calls for the owner to keep the noise level down.

All councilmembers, except Councilmember Abdul Algazali, voted in favor of the license transfer. Algazali did not explain why he opposed the transfer.

The council OK'd expending \$16,850 to upgrade the city's water meter reading device.

In a proposal to officially designate Hamtramck as a "Welcoming" community to

immigrants and all others, Councilmember Algazali objected to a reference calling Hamtramck "Hamtown."

He said a number of Muslims in town object to the word "ham."

"Ham is a pig, and a lot of people don't like that word," Algazali said.

The council OK'd the proposal.

In a report from Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag, he said that if the city pays back \$500,000 to the street repair fund, there won't be enough money on hand to meet the next employee payroll.

"This is worse than we thought it was," Tertzag said in reference to the city's financial woes.

Carl Johnson, the city's contracted financial director, said the city will have to start to decide which vendors to pay in the near future.

Councilmember Cathie Gordon said the city needs to look into asking retirees to

agree to concessions. She said the city also needs to look into shared services with other government agencies.

Councilmember Anam Miah asked when sidewalks that were torn up for gas line repairs will be replaced.

"Please get on it," he said to the city administration.

Councilmember Gordon called for the city attorney to release his billing invoices. Gordon said that Jim Allen re-

fused to release the invoices in a recent Freedom of Information Act request on the basis that they are protected under the attorney-client privilege.

Gordon said Allen works for the public, and those invoices are public information.

She added that she talked to two attorneys about Allen's refusal to release the invoices, and they were "appalled."

"The people of this city have a right to know about his billing," she said.

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The driver was arrested for driving without a license and the passenger for two outstanding Wayne County felony warrants.

Friday, November 2

At 12:33 a.m. a man reported an unknown person(s) broke out the rear window of his '04 Chrysler Sebring while parked on the 12000 block of Nagel.

At 9:50 a.m. a man entered the station and reported the theft of property from his rental property on the 2000 block of Caniff.

A crash occurred at Jos. Campau and Holbrook.

At 5:28 p.m. A woman reported her father missing.

At 5:58 p.m. a woman reported someone stole her wallet from her vehicle while it was parked near her home.

At 7:54 p.m. a woman reported property stolen out of her vehicle while it was parked on Charest near Caniff.

At 9:11 p.m. a man reported his girlfriend missing.

Saturday, November 3

At 2:37 a.m. a Detroit resident was placed under arrest at the Hamtramck Police Station for our warrant and fraudulent insurance.

At 10:06 a.m. a man reported that an unknown person(s) damaged his '08 BMW while it was parked on the 9300 block of Charest between 7 p.m. on 11/2 and 7 a.m. on 11/3.

At 10:20 a.m. a woman reported that former tenants took 18 screens from the basement of her house on the 2600 block of Carpenter.

A crash occurred at Casmere and Mackay.

At 11:28 a.m. a woman reported that she was robbed on the 2600 block of Casmere by a black male, 5'11" - 6', wearing a black ski mask, dark blue jacket, black hooded sweatshirt, jeans, and black or blue shoes.

At 1:11 p.m. a woman passed fraudulent insurance during a traffic stop at Jos. Campau and Casmere.

Detroit residents were placed under arrest for strong arm after they assaulted a victim and stole his phone and hooded sweatshirt at Conant and Prescott. A third suspect was named in the report. Suspected marijuana also recovered.

A female was threatened with a knife after she attempted to intervene in a domestic argument in front of a house on the 2600 block of Neibul. The suspect, described as a 19-year-old white male, fled in a red Chevy Camaro.

At 6 p.m. a Detroit juvenile was placed under arrest after the same grabbed an iPhone from a male inside a building in the 11300 block of Conant and fled on foot from officers. Officers located a small amount of suspected cocaine inside his pocket. Juvenile was transferred to Wayne County Youth Home.

Sunday, November 4

At 12:38 a.m. two subjects were arrested for disorderly conduct following a fight on the 2000 block of Caniff.

At 3:30 a.m. a resident in the 3900 block of Edwin was placed under arrest for domestic violence.

At 8 a.m. a man reported that an unknown person(s) took his '04 Jeep Cherokee plate:BNM1807 from the 3000 block of Goodson between midnight and 7:30 a.m. on today's date.

A man was placed under arrest for a 31st District warrant during a traffic stop at Jos. Campau and Zinow at 11:47 a.m.

A Rochester Hills resident reported her wallet stolen while she was shopping in the 9400 block of Jos. Campau at 2:12 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. a hit-and-run accident occurred in the Woodland/Grand Haven area. A 2002 Chevy was impounded off of Oklahoma with consistent accident damage.

At 11:51 p.m. two males were arrested during a traffic stop after suspected marijuana was found in their vehicle. The driver was issued a violation for driving without a license.

Monday, November 5

A crash occurred on Klinger near Casmere.

At 8:37 two men and a Hamtramck juvenile were placed under arrest near Charest and Caniff.

At 10:25 a.m. a man was placed under arrest after a foot chase.

A crash occurred on Conant in Norwalk.

Three males were placed under arrest after they assaulted two agents of a business in the 3200 block of Caniff at 7:33 p.m.

A female was placed under arrest in the 11300 block of Lumpkin for disturbing the peace and obstructing officers while they were investigating a family disturbance at 9:32 p.m.

At 11:38 p.m. a subject was placed under arrest for driving without a license following a traffic stop.

At 11:46 p.m. a man reported his cell phone stolen from the office at Hamtramck High school.

Tuesday, November 6

A hit-and-run accident occurred when an unknown vehicle struck the garage of a house on the 2700 block of Commor at approximately 8 a.m.

At 8:51 a.m. a man reported that an unknown person(s) took his '07 Dodge Caravan, plate:CGC4402 from the 12000 block of Grand Haven between 12:45 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on today's date.

At 10:15 a.m. a man reported that an unknown person(s) damaged the window on his house in the 3000 block of Goodson between 10 p.m. on 11/5 and 4:30 a.m. on 11/6.

At 11:15 a.m. a man reported that an unknown person(s) took his 40 caliber Taurus handgun from his '03 GMC Yukon while it was parked on Goodson between 6 p.m. on 11/3 and 11 a.m. on 11/6.

Two females were placed under arrest for domestic assault as mutual combatants on the 9400 block of Gallagher at 3:49 p.m.

A Detroit resident provided fraudulent insurance during a traffic stop at Conant and Harold at 4:23 p.m.

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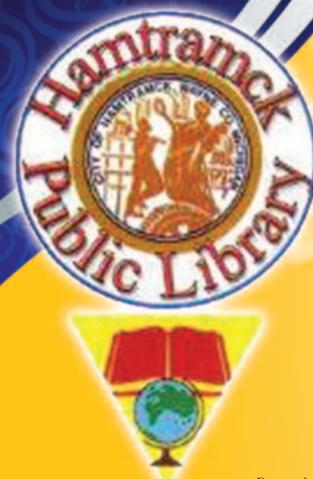
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CRIME LOG

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- A female was placed under arrest for driving without a license and 31st District warrants during a traffic stop at Yemans and Dequindre at 4:47 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 7**
- Shortly after midnight a man on television reported that he lost an election.
- At 12:19 a.m. a subject from the 2200 block of Danforth was arrested for domestic violence.
- At 3:49 p.m. the unlawful driving away of an automobile was reported in the 2900 block of Hanley.
- A crash occurred at Belmont and Conant.
- At 10 a.m. a female was arrested for a Hamtramck warrant after a traffic accident on Hamtramck Drive.
- At 12:24 p.m. a male was arrested at Wayne County Dickerson Detention Center for a Hamtramck warrant.
- At 11:20 a.m. a man reported that an unknown person(s) took the water heater and furnace from a property in the 11400 block of Conant between 5 p.m. on 11/2 and 8 p.m. on 11/6.
- Officers took custody of a stray Brown and White Pitbull at Gallagher and Caniff and turned it over to the Michigan Humane Society at 4:36 p.m.
- A resident of the 2600 block of Evaline reported a break-in between 4:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. on this date.

This Sunday, take time out to honor our veterans

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protect our country. That makes all recruits eligible to be a possible candidate to go to battle.

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