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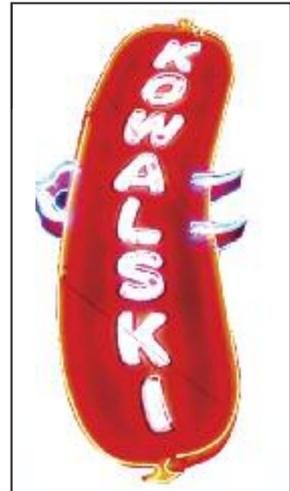
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Quick Hits

Hey, bet you didn't know that the Kowalski Sausage Co. is celebrating its 90th anniversary of being in business.

Kowalski has been a landmark for generations and its famed neon sign attracts visitors from all over. If you remember, we kicked off this column over a year ago celebrating that sign as an icon for Hamtramck.

We wish the company many more years of success.

And this being summer and with the Labor Day Festival coming up, what better way to celebrate the company's anniversary than to fire up the grill and barbecue a good old Kowalski sausage.

This week in history

• If you were living here in the 1990s, chances are you remember the infamous and super trendy "Motor" Lounge. The club was known the world over for the notorious scene inside and major techno stars who played there. The happening all started this week in 1996.

• It's 1943 and the World War II effort was in full swing. Americans were encouraged - indeed it was their patriotic duty - to plant "Victory Gardens" to help with food production. Even with our tiny yards Hamtramck boasted of 1,112 Victory Gardens.

Source: Hamtramck Historical Commission

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Hamtramck gets starry-eyed for a day

By Charles Sercombe

Vampires were in Hamtramck on Tuesday.

Not the blood-sucking kind, but the Hollywood type - as in a major movie production.

And appropriately - and totally coincidentally - the production took place inside the Record Graveyard on Caniff. How perfect can you get - a vampire movie scene inside a store called Record Graveyard?

Well the irony probably wasn't lost on the production company but the name of the store had nothing to do with shooting the scene there. Inside was made to look like the legendary New York City



That's Vata Ulaj, the brother of The Review's publisher, posing with Hollywood star Alicia Silverstone. Silverstone was in Hamtramck on Tuesday shooting a film called "Vamps." The movie's production crew was filming inside Record Graveyard on Caniff and set up base camp in the city parking lot on Caniff and McDougall.



record store, Bleeker Bob's. Apparently the movie folks didn't have to do much of a makeover since they were pleasantly surprised to find out that Record Graveyard already kind of looks like the inside of Bleeker Bob's.

Must be something about vinyl geeks who happen to like thousands of records piled up everywhere and old albums being displayed on the walls. Other scenes of the movie are being filmed in metro Detroit.

The film is entitled "Vamps" and is being directed by Amy Heckerling, who is most well known for her film, "Clueless." The film has some A-

List stars, such as Alicia Silverstone, who starred in "Clueless," and Sigourney Weaver.

And it also features some not-so A-Listers, such as Marilu Henner (of "Taxi" fame) and comedian/actor Richard ("Don't call me Rich") Lewis.

The movie is being described as a "comedy-horror" in which two vampires fall in love and must "face a choice that could jeopardize their immortality," according to Wikipedia.

We're not entirely sure what scene was being filmed in Hamtramck but if you hung around the set and the city parking lot on Caniff and McDougall where base camp

was set up, you could see the actors walking about.

All but Sigourney Weaver were in Hamtramck.

Richard Lewis in particular was talking to folks hanging around the set and he accidentally walked into The Review office before being redirected to the set.

Silverstone posed with the brother of The Review's publisher. Vata Ulaj got a rare opportunity to take a picture with Silverstone largely because he knew the site director/security guy.

News of the production was kept pretty hush-hush here in town, which is amazing considering how gossipy Ham-

tramck is. Community & Economic Development Director Jason Friedmann said the production company approached him about a month ago.

He said Hamtramck has been getting good word of mouth in the television and movie industry from previous companies coming here to shoot scenes, most notably the Drew Barrymore flick, "Whip It" and the recent - and yet-to-be-aired - "Detroit 187."

Friedmann said the production also brought in some extra revenue, including permit fees and income tax. He said although it's not a huge sum of money, at least the production "gets our name out there."

Another spin-off for the city is that a well-known Hollywood catering company will soon be setting up business on Jos. Campau to serve the growing film industry.

Unfortunately for the city - and Michigan, perhaps - there is a threat from Republican elected officials to repeal the state's generous tax breaks being offered to lure the film business here. If the tax is eliminated or greatly reduced, it is believed the movie industry will look outside the state to shoot movies.



Schools dodge a bullet

By Charles Sercombe

Here's one list Hamtramck Public Schools is glad to not be on.

The Michigan Department of Education recently released a list of the bottom 92 schools in the state.

Hamtramck Public Schools were no where near them.

Out of the 92 schools listed for having failing grades and being lowest achievers, 42 of the schools are located in Detroit. All of the schools are required to submit a plan on how they will improve or they face being taken over by the state.

Hamtramck's lowest achiever is Holbrook Elementary School, which is one of the oldest school buildings in the state. The southend school has a number of chal-

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Labor Day Festival will be rocking

By Ian Perrotta

It's almost time for Hamtramck to reap the fruits of the festival committee's labor. The Hamtramck Labor Day Festival is just two weeks away and it's shaping up to be one for the books.

For anyone who has been living under a rock for the past few months, earlier this summer there was a distinct chance that this year's celebration would be canceled. That was when the call went out for regular Hamtramckians to form a committee and help save the festival.

That call was answered by a group of enthusiastic young people led by residents Kathleen Bittner and Rachel Srodek, who to date have raised over \$20,000 for this year's festival through individual and corporate donations and sponsorships, an old school road rally and an awesome fundraiser at the office of The Review.

"Why not?" said Bittner

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when asked why she agreed to help with the festival's organization. "Everyone's always saying 'somebody should do this' but no one ever really does anything, so I figured I would just do something. And you can't have Labor Day in Hamtramck without the festival!"

The money raised for the festival will be used for both new and previously existing expenses. As usual, there are costs associated with putting on performances and bringing in the carnival rides, as well as the little details that most people don't notice like maintenance and security. New expenditures include showers for a campsite, among others.

Before you check your eyes, hold on a just minute – you read it right: a campsite, and its name is Camptramck. It's just one of many things that will make this year's festival the most fun and unique yet. The campsite will be located at Veterans Park and will be patrolled by security guards for the duration of the festival. Tickets are \$30 for the weekend, \$10 for a single night or just \$5 to hang out. Considering the city has made a special allowance permitting alcohol at the site, it should be a pretty good time.

Before you hit the campsite Saturday and Sunday nights, you'll have an opportunity to take part in a Hamtramck tradition – a good old-fashioned pub crawl. But the big difference between this crawl and a normal Friday night in Hamtramck will be the addition of The Night Move, an eco-

friendly passenger bus that will be travelling throughout the city, stopping at bars, the festival site and the campsite.

Just don't drink so much that you don't wake up in the

motto of "homegrown," you should be able to find some good deals from some great local artists.

The big day for the festival is Monday. In addition to the regularly scheduled Polish

speaking of races, anyone up for a Labor Day run? There will also be one mile and five kilometer Fun Runs.

If the rest of the weekend's activities are too exhausting to participate in, you can always just check out the entertainment. The musical and comedic line-ups this year contains some of the biggest names to come out of Hamtramck, including hometown rocker Mitch Ryder and Harry Perry, a world-famous street performer/comedian.

Of course, Hamtramck favorites Danny D and the Polish Muslims will also be there, along with some more obscure yet extremely talented bands like The Fresh Tones. Even without the three dollar beers that will be available at the festival, they're a duo worth listening to. (Editor's note: Uh ... Ian Perrotta's brother, Andrew, is one half of the Fresh Tones. Just saying.)

For what's supposed to be a relaxing end to a long summer, this year's Labor Day looks like it's going to be high-energy and pretty exciting. Afterward, Hamtramck is going to need a vacation.

Guess we'll just have to wait until Thanksgiving.



This year's Hamtramck Labor Day Festival will be one for the books. The weekend will feature all the old favorites like the Polish Day Parade and musical performances by local bands as well as new events like the return of the Hamtramck Yacht Race and the opportunity to camp.

morning. On Sunday morning there will be the usual Polka Mass with Big Daddy Lachowski as well as the Dudek-sponsored pierogi eating contest. During the day you'll also have a chance to peruse the goods at the festival's Arts and Antiques Fair. Given this year's festival

Day Parade, this year features a special treat: the return of the Hamtramck Yacht Race. Before the parade begins, teams of patrons from a number of local bars will compete in a quirky race that has homemade pushcarts shaped like boats racing down Jos. Campau. And

This week at the library...

"Massacre in Katyn Forest: Poster Exhibit" - Friday, Aug. 20-31 This unique traveling exhibit was prepared by the Kosciuszko Foundation with additional funding from Poland. It is dedicated to the memory of over 22,000 Polish intellectuals, army officers, university professors, doctors, politicians, priests and public servants murdered by the Soviet Union in April and May 1940, after the invasion of Poland by the Soviet Union. The mass graves and documents were discovered in 1943 in the Katyn forest, and it was not until the 1990s that the Soviet Union admitted responsibility for this act while refusing to classify this as a murder of prisoners of war and civilian intellectuals as a war crime. You can learn more about the mass extermination of Poles in Katyn, Siberia and other Soviet labor camps at the Hamtramck Public Library.

Computer Class for ESL Beginners - Friday, Aug. 20 at 10 a.m. ESL students will start with one hour hands-on experience on computers followed by 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. instruction with Christine Templin.

ESL Class for Beginners - Monday, Aug. 23 at 10 a.m. Christine Templin is the instructor for the ESL class for beginners. Free to the public.

ESL Summer Reading for Adults - Tuesday, Aug. 24 at 3 p.m. Reading program for adults sponsored by the ALA, prepared and conducted by staff members to accommodate various levels of reading skills. Free to the public.

Math Club Meeting - Tuesday, Aug. 24 at 4 p.m. Mr. Nuo is the new instructor for the math club and math tutoring.

The Animal Show - Wednesday, August 25 at 1 p.m. The Summer Reading Program will start with an animal show. You can see, touch and learn about various animals and later take part in arts and crafts making animal masks.

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.

Movie Wednesday - Wednesday, Aug. 25 at 3:30 p.m. Every Wednesday is movie day at the library. Come and enjoy our feature presentation, including popcorn and snacks.

Jeopardy at the Library - Thursday Aug. 26 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.

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, Sept. 9 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, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting and election meeting of the FHPL.

Rainforest Animals Live - Wednesday, August 25 at 1 p.m. The Summer Reading Program will start with a show about Live Rainforest Animals, followed by a arts and crafts workshop in mask making and reading journal entries. All children are invited.

Evening with Author - Thursday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. Greg Kowalski, Chairman of the Historical Commission, will present his new book "Wicked Hamtramck; Lust, Liquor and Lead." Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.

Labor Day Parade - Monday, Sept. 6 at 12:30 p.m. March with the Library in the Hamtramck Labor Day Parade, assembly at Jos. Campau & Holbrook.

Author, Miroslawa Wojswillo - Saturday, September 25 at 2 p.m. The author presents her new book, "Po Sladach Historii," which is about her experiences in Eastern Europe, Lithuania, Soviet Union and USA. Everyone is invited.



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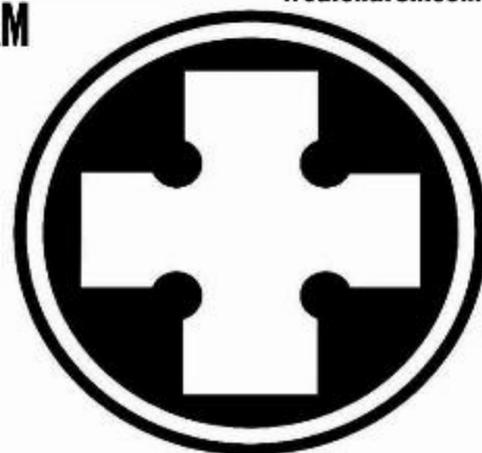
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Hamtramck stays 'golden' with addition of new restaurant

By Ian Perrotta

As international as Hamtramck is, up until a few weeks ago it lacked one thing: a Chinese restaurant.

Not anymore. After a few years-long hiatus, Golden Hill Chop Suey is back in business. The restaurant re-opened about a month ago and has been busy ever since.

Owned and operated by Kuen Kwong, a Chinese native who emigrated from the Guangdong region to the United States over 30 years ago, the business isn't his first foray into the culinary arts. Before running the eatery's previous incarnation, Kwong also had a business on Michigan Ave.

After the old Golden Hill shut down, Kwong says he tried to find another business to take its place but there wasn't any interest due to the economy. Eventually he was able to reopen, much to both his and Hamtramck's delight.

So far business has been steady. Many are attracted to the generous lunch specials, which are an incredible deal for an even better price. Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., for just \$4.75 plus tax restaurant-goers can choose from 12 different meals that include rice and a soft drink. Sesame Chicken has already emerged as a town favorite.



Kuen Kwong recently re-opened the Golden Hill Chop Suey restaurant. Stop in and try one of his great lunch specials, which are available Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. for under five bucks.

As for Kwong's favorite thing about the town, he says he enjoys the diversity that walks through his doors. On any given day he receives business from people representative of all the town's cultures, as well as the police and fire departments – both of which have become regulars.

"I love Hamtramck," says Kwong. "The people are good and all different, but they enjoy the food. The Bangladeshis love it – they like it spicy!"

(Golden Hill Chop Suey is located at the intersection of Jos. Campau and Caniff and is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3-10 p.m. Sunday. Call (313) 871-8718 for more information.)



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lenges, school officials say. The biggest hurdle for teachers and staff is the language barrier of the students. Many of the students come from homes where English is not the native language.

Superintendent Tom Niczay has high expectations for the school's future uptick in grades. He said the school's new principal, Russell Robinson, is someone who has a proven track record.

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Bar crawl comes up aces and cash

By Ian Perrotta

Last Saturday's (Aug. 14) effort to raise money for the Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) Mentor Program was a well-played – albeit ironic – hand.

Officially titled the 2010 Hamtramck Poker Run, the fundraiser was set up in the form of a bar crawl with a twist. Participants went to five establishments and received a playing card at each, and when the event was over, a full poker hand was held by each runner. Those with the highest hands received prizes.

The day began at the Polish Sea League, where 55 people gathered for the start of the event. At a cost of \$10 to enter, each contestant was given a T-shirt (which were paid for with donations from the participating bars) and a list of places to visit. Whiskey in the Jar, Small's Bar and Skipper's Hamtown were all on the itinerary, with The Painted Lady as the final destination.

It was the second time a city-wide pub crawl was held by the Facebook group Hamtramck Bars, and the

first time the event was used as a fundraiser. Although the group is unaffiliated with the Hamtramck Weed and Seed, the money raised specifically goes toward DEFY Camp, which is a function of the non-profit organization.

Overall, the Poker Run was a resounding success, netting over \$600 including cash from a 50/50 raffle. Additionally, all the bars involved received a notable boost in business during what is otherwise usually a slow period. And at the end of the day, some contestants – like Tracy Cooper, who won the event with a hand of three queens and two tens – didn't have to go home empty-handed. A number of prizes were donated by the participating bars as well as Detroit Threads.

"It was even better than I expected it to be, and a lot more people showed up than I thought would," said Kevin LaPointe, the event's organizer, "It was a complete success and everyone had a great time. We'll definitely be doing it again."

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Review: Opinion Page

Keep your hands off the city's new charter

Don't touch our City Charter.

That's a message our City Council needs to keep in mind when considering major changes in Hamtramck's new charter, which was adopted by voters just five years ago.

Recently, Councilmember Cathie Gordon proposed a change to have the council and mayor appoint the city treasurer instead of having the city manager do so.

Gordon said she wanted to have the treasurer be independent of the city manager to make sure purchasing rules are adhered to.

While it may sound reasonable to have an independent watchdog, it is a bad idea.

Why?

The new charter was written to purposely reduce the role of local elected leaders and allow the city to be run

by a professionally-trained city manager. The charter is structured to allow the manager to staff his or her own administration – free from local influence and local politics.

For several decades Hamtramck was run by a mayor and city council. The old charter was imperfect in many ways but the key problem it produced was giving the mayor and council about 50-50 power.

Neither the mayor nor the council had the upper hand, although the mayor ran the day-to-day affairs of the city. This awkward sharing of power led to huge political fights and factions.

It became so bad in the late 1990s that the council refused to adopt a city budget for two years straight because of an ongoing political feud between the council and mayor.

That stalemate eventually

led to the state to intervene and appoint an emergency financial manager. Coincidentally, a new City Charter was being put together and voters agreed to adopt a new form of city government – a government run by a city manager.

Allowing the council and mayor to take over key administration appointments will be the first step down a slippery slope – a slope that will lead to the return of turf wars.

Let the city manager staff his or her own administration. Let's not start to tie the hands of our city manager with outside interference from local officials. The voters spoke very clearly that's what they wanted.

Let's not start to chip away at a document that has worked well so far.

Odds & Ends

Ramadan rap ... Our freelancer writer Omar Thabet sent us his poem he wrote to celebrate the holy period of Ramadan. Sounds like it has a pretty good beat to it. Enjoy:

"Let me introduce you to the month of Ramadan, It's our scared holy month, written in the Q'uran,

Where you cannot eat or drink the moment the sun rise,

You're not only fasting from the mouth, but with your ears and your eyes,

Where you show respect to one another, to your mother, to your brother,

To your father, to your sister, to every race, to every color,

Whatever you do make sure you're not getting into trouble,

because during this month Allah will punish you for double,

Then you break your fast at sunset with a nice tasty date,

Pray, then come home to your family and eat a nice tasty plate,

Sambosas, falafel, and even asseed,

That delicious food is just what we need,

To go back to the mosque and pray for the next hour,

Come back home and just take a nice shower,

Wake up the next morning and do it again,

This is your daily routine as soon as you turn seven,

You got to be a first-hand witness to feel this month's

enlightenment,

I challenge you to fast for a month and then see how you like it,

Because when you do it right it's not as hard as it seems,

And to every Muslim out there 'RAMADAN KAREEM!'"

Big thanks ... Hamtramck election worker Nancy Katynski visited recently and asked us to give a shout out to Moe at Royal Kabob restaurant.

Moe handed out free meals

Hamtramck High School Community Center there will be a free showing of a documentary on Hamtramck's legendary Little League pitcher Art "Pinky" Deras.

Deras and his team won the 1959 Little League World Series and in the process made history on a number of levels. Let's just say the team's victory captivated the nation.

The documentary starts at 7:00 p.m. Art Deras and his teammates will also be there.



Two members of the Hamtramck Police Department, Max Garbarino (left) and Andrew Mileski (right), received promotions this week. Garbarino was promoted to Lieutenant and Mileski is now a Sergeant. That's Lt. Craig Serafino in the middle. He's retiring after serving 25 years on the force.

to election workers during the recent Primary Election, and as you can imagine that was much appreciated.

So, thanks Moe for your generous contribution.

Baseball doc ... Remember, this Monday evening at the

Promoted ... A big congratulations goes out to police Sgt. Max Garbarino and police officer Andrew Mileski for their recent promotions.

Garbarino was promoted to Lieutenant and Michalski is now a Sergeant. Also, a huge

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City fails to take care of foreclosed and abandoned properties

I'm a Hamtramck resident as well as a business owner. I own my home and rent my barbershop.

I've lived here forever and I have never seen this town looks so bad. No one is taking responsibility for all the foreclosed and abandoned homes and buildings. What happened to code enforcers?

I walk my dogs and just within eight blocks I can see many code violations and outright blight. Garbage, wood, nails, broken glass, broken fences make it dangerous to drive down alleys. When was the last time anyone swept an

alley?

For all the tidy gardens and well-kept lawns, there's the neighbor who left the abandon yard to grow 10 feet tall weeds that blow their seeds all over the neighborhood. It also poses a dangerous rat problem.

Children play near these homes. Anything could be hidden in there. The Hamtramck "palm tree" – that stinky fast growing weed tree – is taking over. No one seems to care. Weeds are growing in front of storefronts in existing businesses on Jos. Campau near Caniff.

Unheard of!

Even some neighborhood fire hydrants are covered. Houses are completely hidden by undergrowth.

The city could make so much revenue by fining owners or the banks that own these properties. But the bottom line is the city needs to get to it and cut down these weeds and spray "Round Up."

And not just the front yards, but also the backyards and alleys. Hurry before it turns into Chene Street (Oops, too late).

Kathleen Wojcinski
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Street Life



'Greening' of Hamtramck can start with school students

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

By Walter Wasacz

Faithful readers of Street Life might recall that last week's column dealt with my personal experience with cleaning trash and pulling weeds around my house and in the neighborhood where I live.

For those who missed it, the gist was that cleaning up after our own properties is a given in today's DIY world. But another thread in the column alluded to getting school-aged children turned on to keeping their community tidy and litter free.

There is an attempt nationwide to get schools and kids thinking green and clean. That means getting them involved in a recycle and reuse culture, as opposed to one where disposability and waste rule.

And there is a growing list of examples of this out there. Here are a few programs already active not far from here that have a running start on this initiative.

The Michigan Green Schools program for Oakland County began in 2005 as a grassroots initiative at Hartland High School in Livingston County. This effort resulted in Gov. Granholm signing Public Act 146 into law in May 2006.

Oakland County became involved with this program in the 2007-2008 school year, and awarded the Michigan Green School designation to 45 public and private schools during the first year. Oakland County has more schools participating in the governor's initiative than any other county in the state.

In 2008-2009 Oakland County partnered with Oakland Schools and more than doubled the number and awarded the Michigan Green School designation to 98 public and private schools. Thirty-two of those schools attained the higher designation, the Emerald status. I couldn't find numbers for last year, but for the 2009-2010 school year Oakland Schools pledged to double that amount. So it's clearly, green is growing.

The Michigan Green Schools Program encourages public and private schools to participate in environmentally friendly and energy savings activities. Unfortunately, schools in Wayne County have some catching up to do.

But that's not to say schools in Hamtramck can't take a leadership role and jump to the front of the pack.

Here's how the award levels break down:

- A school achieving 10 of the 20 listed activities below can apply to be designated a Michigan Green School;

- A school achieving 15 of the listed activities can apply to be designated a Michigan Emerald School.

- A school completing 20 of the listed activities can apply to be designated a Michigan Evergreen School.

Here's the list of activities for schools to get awards from the Michigan Green Schools program.

1. The school recycles paper and reuses its magazines and newspapers.

2. The school has adopted an endangered species animal from one of several organizations and posted a picture of the animal in the main traffic area.

3. The school media center updates its print and non-print ecological materials regularly.

4. The school has a composting project with daily scraps from the cafeteria.

5. The school hosts a visit by an ecological spokesperson, a representative of the Sierra Club, an endangered animal species show or a similar presentation.

6. The school has a bird-house habitat project.

7. The school has a native Michigan plant garden project with native plants.

8. The school has solar power presentations or experiments, such as a solar cook-out. A wind project may be substituted.

9. Classes do energy audits of their classrooms and make improvements, such as placing film on windows, caulking windows or using kits to make windows more energy efficient.

10. The school has a printer cartridge and cell phone recycling program and selects a cartridge company which pays the school for the cartridges.

11. The school recycles batteries and has a designated representative to return them to an appropriate recycling program.

12. The school teaches units on alternative fuels energy including ethanol, switch grass and soy.

13. The school observes Earth Day.

14. Art classes at the school have a poster contest to support ecology concerns and a school wide display in conjunction with Earth Day activities.

15. School science classes have an assignment to do several home energy improvements such as turning down hot water heaters, installing home window insulation kits, clean coils on home refrigerators and put in draft guards.

16. The school has an ecology club, whose activities include such suggested activities as helping senior citizens make their homes more energy efficient.

17. The school's classes visit internet sites where clicking saves rainforest habitat.

18. The school implements a tree planting program with at least ten seedlings which can be acquired free from a number of organizations, including Michigan United Conservation Club. The trees are placed in north and west building exposures to help conserve energy.

19. The school has established a recycling program for CDs and DVDs.

20. The school has a study unit on environmental health and issues facing the Great Lakes or participates in one of the many programs to help maintain the quality of the Great Lakes.

21. The school initiates a school door draft guard project. These are placed at the exterior classroom doors and can be sold at school events to help educate the public of this easy energy saving device.

22. A unit on invasive species in the Midwest is presented. Solutions that ordinary citizens can participate in are implemented.

23. Students hold a letter writing campaign to local officials about an environmental issue.

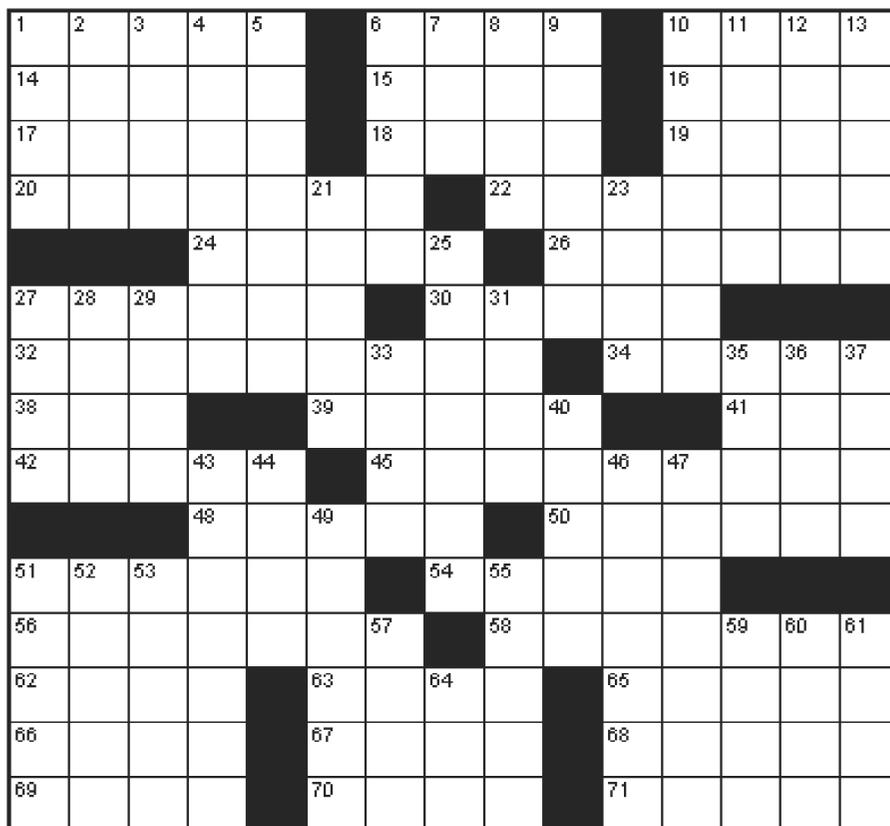
24. School raises \$100 to go to a fund for all participating Green Schools. Each year land will be bought and donated to a Michigan state park or state forest.

25. The school keeps an active bulletin board or display case on the environmental news and what environmental activities the school is working on with pictures.

A doable goal for our community might be to have Hamtramck kids participate in America Recycles Day on Nov. 15. That might be the perfect launch for getting involved in the Michigan Green Schools program.

America Recycles Day is dedicated to promoting the social, environmental and economic benefits of recycling and buying recycled products. The goal of the campaign is to increase the purchase of recycled content products and recycling throughout North America.

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The HHC has scheduled a public hearing to be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 in the Social Room located at 12025 Dequindre, Hamtramck, MI 48212. At this time, the HHC shall receive and consider any and all comments prior to finalization of our agency plan for submission to HUD on or before October 15, 2010.

Obituaries

HOGNESS

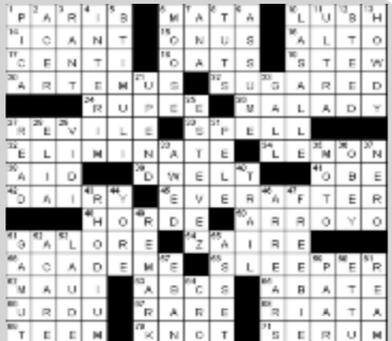


Jerry A. Hogness, 26, died August 15, 2010. Mr. Hogness was "known by many, loved by all" and his beloved by family and friends. He is survived by his

daughter, Kaydynse "Little Bo-Peep" Hogness; fiancé, Patricia Dean; father, Jerry A. Hogness Sr.; mother, Donna Przybylski; grandfather, Gilbert McDonald; sisters, Kristi and Emily and goddaughter, Alexis Wingle. Funeral arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

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The Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition meets the second Thursday of every month from 11 a.m.-noon at the Piast Institute, 11633 Jos. Campau. To allow for summer planning sessions, the next meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 9. Meetings are open to the public.

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.

Block Club Corner ...

First Thursdays, 4 Cs Neighborhood Watch (if you live or have a business between Carpenter, Conant, Caniff, and Campau), 7 p.m. Hamtramck Recreation Center, 1135 Charest, lower level

Second Mondays, Eastside Block Club (if you live or have a business East of Conant) 7 p.m. Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Activity Center, entrance on Harold Street

Second Wednesdays, 3 C7 Neighborhood Watch (if you live or have a business between Carpenter, Campau, Caniff, and I-75) People's community Services Senior Center on Caniff, across from the Public Library

Third Wednesdays, Midtown Neighborhood Watch (if you live or have a business between Caniff, Campau, Holbrook and I-75) 6:30 p.m. in the Convent of St. Florian's Church, on Florian Street

Fourth Thursdays, Southend Neighborhood Watch 6:30 p.m. in the People's Community Center on Joseph Campau and Danforth, for all residents and businesses south of Holbrook.

The Central Neighborhood Watch (Caniff, Conant, Holbrook, Campau) will soon set up regular meeting dates. For more information, go online to hamtramckCBC@gmail.com. Facebook: Hamtramck Central Block Club group page.

The Hamtramck Housing Commission Neighborhood Watch is not meeting at this time. If you would like to help start these groups, call the Weed and Seed office at (313) 281-8150.

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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 modelmedia.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:

New life at Forest Arms
The approach is spectacular. A short walk from Cass Avenue via leafy Prentiss St. to Second Avenue reveals details in slow motion of an early-20th century masterpiece. Sometimes even the most catastrophic events happen for a reason, and this could be one of them. The Forest Arms, which burned in early 2008, claiming one life, displacing residents and businesses (including Amsterdam Espresso and Peoples Records - the latter relocated to 3161 Woodward Avenue) and devastating the Midtown neighborhood on the south end of Wayne State University, now liter

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It's been one long ride for this bus driver

By Omar Thabet
Special to the Review

How can you not like a guy nicknamed "Hippo"?

Chances are if you went through Hamtramck Public Schools, you've met John "Hippo" Hynnarowicz. He's been driving school buses

ent levels. But as big as he is, many say Hippo's heart is even bigger.

That's because Hippo has a special place in that big old heart for the Special Ed kids. For the past 16 years he and a crew of supporters held Christmas parties for the

said he was laid off when the job opened and lo and behold, he stuck around. Besides shuttling the Special Ed kids, he also had other spirited moments.

"The best times I had driving that bus was when the Hamtramck Public Schools



After driving school kids around town for 33 years, John "Hippo" Hynnarowicz is retiring from the public school district. Hippo, as everyone calls him, says he will especially miss the Special Ed students.

here for 33 years, and next Friday is his last day on the job.

Yes, the nickname Hippo comes from abbreviating his last name and the fact that John is a pretty big, barrel-chested guy. The nickname works on a couple of differ-

kids and judging by the smiles, it was a mutual love.

"The most cherished moments I had driving that bus was when I drove for the Special Ed kids for 16 years," Hippo said.

Getting the bus driving gig wasn't planned on. Hippo

were winning games, receiving trophies, and coming back to the bus celebrating their victories," he said.

It's probably agreed by the many students he's chauffeured over the years that Hippo deserves a victory lap himself.

Fighting blight takes a top priority with city officials

By Charles Sercombe

Blight busting seems to be on the mind of many in town – including city officials.

A growing number of residents are complaining about the never-ending amount of trash on the streets as well as graffiti and overgrown and weedy yards.

A new kind of blight has swamped Hamtramck in recent years: the increase of empty houses from foreclosures. That has led to grass becoming overgrown – in some cases a couple of feet high – and weeds shooting out everywhere.

City officials say there are 400 empty houses in the city, but the city has limited funds to hire people to enforce housing codes or cut the lawns. In fact, the city recently had to lay off one code enforcement officer because of a budget deficit.

But there is one source of money the city can tap into. The federally-funded Community Development Building Grant (often abbreviated to the tongue-tying acronym, CDBG Fund) is a yearly program that funnels about \$400,000 into the city for various projects.

Cities can use the money for a wide variety of projects and programs, from purchasing a fire truck or assisting in development to blight control.



City officials are budgeting \$70,000 to attack the growing blight problem in the city. Of particular concern is overgrown grass and weeds at empty houses.

Councilmember Cathie Gordon led the charge in reshaping this year's expenditures. She wanted to de-emphasize the original proposal to focus on business retention and façade improvements to fighting blight.

The city's Community & Economic Development Director, Jason Friedmann, originally proposed setting aside \$50,000 to help business start-ups and existing businesses to expand.

After a special work session by the council, Gordon convinced her colleagues to shift half of that budget to a new program aimed at housing code enforcement and attacking litter and overgrown yards.

Her top wish was actually

to use \$90,000 of the fund to go toward buying a new ladder truck for the Fire Department. The city's current ladder truck is over 30 years old and is at the end of its service.

But the council was warned by the city manager that the total cost of a truck is upwards of \$1 million and earmarking \$90,000 now doesn't mean the city can immediately order a new truck.

The council will have to hold a hearing on creating a new blight program that has tentatively been budgeted with \$70,000. If the program is eventually adopted by the council, it will start to target specific areas of the city to clean up.

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Metro news ...

ally crawls with the colors of regeneration: greens, reds, cool purples and hot pinks.

The new life greets you instantly upon entering an open courtyard, where a Detroit party is breaking out. There's beer, wine, finger food and an acoustic guitar virtuoso sweating out tunes in the early evening heat. There is cause to celebrate. The Forest Arms rehab is progressing quite nicely. The newly-cleaned red and white brick facade shows

off impressive design features that give it the regal look of an urban castle. Sculptural neo-goth angels hang out on the arched entrance; an ornamental crest four floors directly above invites your eyes to explore the rooftop. When you do, you see people hanging out up there, above the hanging vertical gardens. Someone is addressing the crowd with a beer and a bullhorn. We hear the call and make our move upward.

A quick scoot up to the top – using a wide stairwell under reconstruction – reveals even more

extraordinary views in every direction. To the southwest, the Michigan Central Station and Ambassador Bridge; directly south, downtown skyscrapers gleam in the dusk; to the east, the Medical Center looks as if it can be grabbed with your hand; and to the north, the buildings on the WSU campus and in New Center also look within easy reach. Underfoot, the roof is new. It's a beautiful thing, taking in the sprawling Detroit panorama while being naturally high. Let's clarify that: one half of a beer was consumed, courtesy of Traffic Jam &

Snug.

That's most appropriate, considering that it is Scott Lowell and Carolyn Howard of Traffic Jam that bought the 105-year-old Forest Arms last year and are behind its rehab. The couple has already redeveloped Midtown properties the Blackstone, the Aronda and the Beethoven apartments. Completion of this project is expected in late 2011 or 2012. This continuing story would be good enough if it were only about them.

But the exciting part of the Detroit future narrative is about col-

laborative and auxiliary projects. Somebody takes a bold step, others jump in with some expert help, neighborhood and community groups get involved. Then, along the way, we throw a few parties and enjoy the fruits of the labor. It's all more than good.

This party – and, more importantly, the hanging garden – was the work of Team Detroit, an amalgam of creative problem solvers, advertising, marketing and communications innovators. The idea for the Forest Arms redo was hatched by TD Creative Director Toby Barlow and is admin-

istrated by Ryan Schirmang, a Chicago transplant. He wasn't entirely unfamiliar with the area. Schirmang went to the University of Michigan, where he met Phillip Cooley, former fashion model, Slow's Bar-BQ co-owner and Corktown and Midtown developer. Cooley helped out at Forest Arms by lending the team a crane-like machine used to hang flowers, each bunch coming with its own hydrating bag. The last time we saw him, Cooley was playing cornhole in the courtyard, humbly declining to take credit for

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New book on Hamtramck uncovers city's seedy side

Their Wicked, Wicked Ways. They were wicked times, in fact. Prohibition was the law but beer flowed like water. Racketeers ran rampant and politicians looked the other way... or worse.

Hamtramck's wildest days are now being recounted in the new book "Wicked Hamtramck: Lust, Liquor and Lead," by Greg Kowalski. The book focuses on the city's most colorful characters and

the schemes they hatched in the pursuit of money and power.

It also looks into other colorful aspects of the city's history, like the Communist movement, which had a significant presence in Hamtramck for decades. Also chronicled are some of the most notorious crimes and criminals in the city's history.

An overview of "Wicked Hamtramck" will be given at a book signing and slide show by Kowalski at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Hamtramck Public Library. The library will have copies of "Wicked Hamtramck" for sale and Kowalski will be available to sign them.

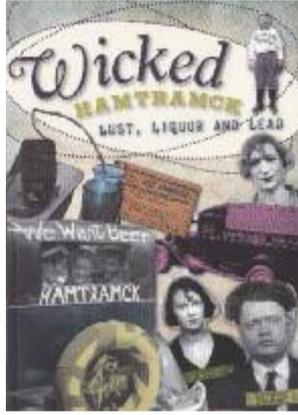
The slide show will focus on the elements of the book

along with related scenes not covered directly in the book.

All in all, expect a lively journey into Hamtramck's most colorful days.

The show is free. Copies of "Wicked Hamtramck: Lust, Liquor and Lead" are \$20 and will be available at the library.

Light refreshments will be served. The library is at 2360 Caniff, just east of the I-75-Caniff exit in Hamtramck.



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his work. "I just hung a few flowers," he says.

Schirmang says the idea behind the project was not merely to beautify the building during its rehabilitation but to "capture the spirit of growth that we're all part of in Detroit. There is a momentum here, lots of people with energy doing great things, and we wanted to keep it going."

With the help of 75 volunteers, and important partnerships with the Greening of Detroit and the University Cultural Center Associ-

ation, flowers were installed in May. They have been maintained all summer by green thumb members of the UCCA. The flowers will be removed in late September or early October. Similar projects are in the planning stage for next spring, Schirmang says.

"We don't have any building picked out, but we want to do it again," he says. "Whatever we do, it has to capture the soul of the city. Detroit is wide open with possibilities and we just want to be a part of making good things happen."

By Walter Wasacz

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Odds & Ends

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congratulations goes out to Lt. Craig Serafino for his recent retirement after serving on the force for 25 years. Good luck guys.

Get your dancing shoes on ... Tonight (Friday, Aug. 20) will once again be one very special evening. That's because it's the return of international folk dancing in the upstairs hall at Polonia Restaurant.

Mayor Karen Majewski will also be on hand, and we can't stress enough what an amazing folk dancer she is. But no matter what your skill level is, the folks who host this event welcome everyone to take a spin on the dance floor.

It's a cheap date night too. Admission is only \$7 and there will be a cash bar on hand to quench your thirst. Take it from us, go and you'll have a ton of fun.



Thank You

John Ulaj, Publisher of The Hamtramck Review, would like to express thanks to Mars Bar and its owner Michael Johnson for their generous donation of a bartender for the evening, as well as the ice and some of the beverages, to our August 7th fundraiser.

He would also like to express gratitude to Tate, owner of Celina's Bar, for personally contributing toward the Hamtramck Festival during Danny D's set that evening. Also, he would like to thank Mark Shmoon and Lee GJokaj, owners of The Mechanic Shop for also contributing to the donation for a total of \$600.

Your contributions help make this year's festival a reality, and keep a wonderful Hamtramck tradition alive. Again, much thanks!

Save the Date!

This Friday, August 20, from 8pm-midnight, the Old World Dance Collaborative returns to the upstairs hall at Polonia Restaurant, 2934 Yemans, Hamtramck.

Cost is \$7 for a night of great company and exciting line, circle, and couple dancing to hot music from around the world (but especially from Eastern Europe and the Balkans). No partner is required, and everyone is welcome. A cash bar will be open.

So whether you're an experienced folk dancer or just like new experiences, come on up, have a cold drink, meet some old friends or make some new ones, and check it out. It's right here in Hamtramck, where you'll find "the world in 2.2 square miles."

— Karen Majewski

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