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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Volunteers make a 'clean sweep' of the city

By Ian Perrotta

It was all sun and smiles last Saturday (May 15) for Hamtramck's Clean Sweep.

About 125 volunteers showed up for the annual event, which covered all corners of the city. Armed with bags, brooms and rakes, teams of workers marched through the streets clearing trash, glass, trees and debris.

Around town several groups pitched in to spruce things up. About 50 MDOT employees took care of the Midtown neighborhood, and a visiting church helped Acts 29 knock out the 3c7 area. Students from Hamtramck High helped clean the school grounds, and even probates from the 31st District Court got in on the action, hitting several streets throughout the city.

In Veterans Memorial Park, a team from People's Community Services added a nice brown coat of paint to the pavilion as people from the community serviced the surrounding park. Down the street, members of the Knights of Columbus painted over graffiti covering the viaducts.

Overall, it was a great effort, although one thing was decidedly missing – widespread participation from the community itself. Most of the volunteers were from out-of-town, which doesn't say much for the level of involvement of the city. But despite that setback, the day was still successful according to event coordinator Eve Doster-Knepp.

"All-in-all everything went well," she said. "The city looks better than it did and we really made a difference. I'm looking forward to next year."

Once again, a shooting occurs at Shadow Bar

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's most notorious bar is once again in the news.

Last Thursday at about 11:30 p.m., four men leaving the Shadow Bar were approached by two men with guns. The two demanded money from the four men as well as their Cartier glasses.

One robbery victim was shot in the leg, but why he was shot is not clear. The two suspects escaped.

None of the four victims agreed to cooperate with investigators, saying they had "no comment," according to Detective Derek Suwalkowski.

There has been a rash of robberies in recent months near the bar as well as reported shootings. One of those shootings was fatal. On April 16, a 21-year-old man was shot to death after he had left the bar.

Two Detroit men, Rapheal Newman and Mark Woods, both 19 years old, are being charged with Hamtramck's first murder of the year. The motive for the shooting has not been made public, pending a preliminary examination to be held next Thursday in Hamtramck 31st District Court.

Trouble at or near the bar usually occurs Thursday nights. According to the bar's website, the theme for Thursdays is "PYT," which is widely known to be an acronym for "Pretty Young Thing." Thursdays are also "Ladies Night" where women can get into the bar for free until 11 p.m. The bar allows those who are 18 years old and older to enter even though the legal drinking age is 21. You can legally enter a bar if you are 18 years old but you may not consume alcohol.

Photos of Thursday nights inside the bar, as seen on the Shadow website, show huge crowds on the dance floor where someone who is younger than 21 years old could easily consume alcohol without being noticed by the bar staff or security. And considering it's ladies night, one would imagine there are plenty of eager guys offering to buy drinks for underage women.

The bar also offers drink specials that night — $5 for Long Islands and $5 for a shot of 1800 tequila. The slogan for the night: "It doesn't cost a lot to party hard."

City Manager Bill Cooper has said he is looking into getting state regulators to pull the bar's license because it has become a nuisance and dangerous to the community.

Quick Hits

Still looking for work?

Don't miss the 2nd Annual Back to Work Job Fair this Wednesday (May 25) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Arab American and Chaldean Council office located at 9010 Jos. Campau (in the Glory Shopping Center). Over 20 employers will be participating this year, including Citi Group, Comcast, CVS, T-Mobile, the US Army and Verizon Wireless, among others. Applicants are asked to bring copies of your resume and to be prepared for onsite interviews. For additional information on how you can participate as an employer or job seeker, contact Khalil Othman at (313) 875-4685 or khalilo@myacc.org.

This week in history

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· In commemoration of one our greatest presidents, city officials back in 1945 decorated Jos. Campau in memory of Franklin Roosevelt. His famous phrase, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself" still reverberates today. Except today, we have plenty to fear about: reckless oil companies, Wall Street, teabaggers, etc.

Source: Hamtramck Historical Commission

City leaders at loggerheads on finances

The future looks grim

By Charles Sercombe

For the first time in years, the words "receivership" and "bankruptcy" are being used to describe Hamtramck's financial future.

Just a year ago, things were looking rosy for the city, financially speaking. And then the economy continued to tank, forcing the state to slash revenue sharing with cities. To make matters worse, Detroit reduced the revenue sharing deal with Hamtramck from the GM Poletown plant by $1 to $2 million.

Oh wait, there's more. Blue Cross Blue Shield increased health insurance by 20 percent. And the city's four labor unions said no to a 5 percent salary cut.

On Tuesday evening, the City Council and city manager held yet another budget work session to figure how to balance this year's budget. The phrase, "it's not a pretty picture," was repeated throughout the three-hour meeting.

Despite several budget work sessions, the council cannot reach even a bare-majority agreement on what cuts to the budget should be made and what revenue increases could be passed. By state law, the city must adopt a balanced budget for the coming fiscal year by June 2.

No matter what, the options are just a band-aid to a city hemorrhaging money. In the best case scenario, the city will end the next fiscal year, in June 2011, $252,000 in debt, which will force the city to dip into its $2.5 million surplus, or rainy day fund.

In the worse case – and the direction the city appears to be headed in – the year will end with a $700,000 deficit, forcing city officials to further dip into the rainy day fund.

The year after that, the city will have just enough left in the rainy day fund to finish the year. After that, the abyss.

"The reality is, we are going into receivership," said Councilmember Tom Jankowski at about mid-point in Tuesday's meeting.

Actually, a perfect storm of financial ruin could happen as early as next January, at which time City Manager Bill Cooper said "we're dead and right back to where Mr. Schimmel was."

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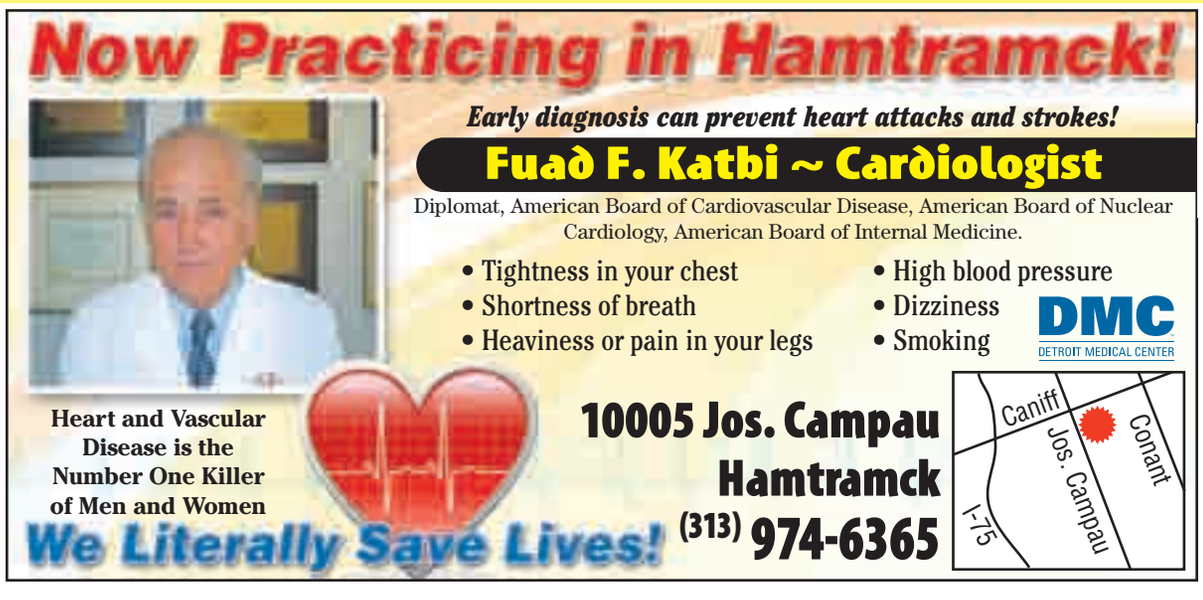

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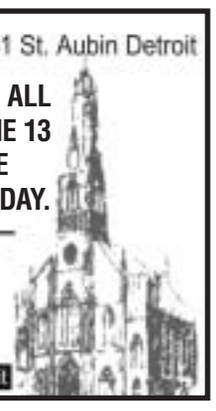

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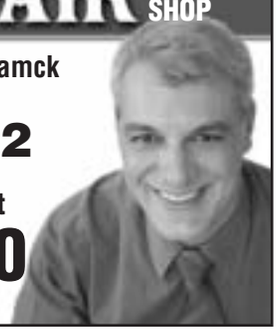

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City leaders at loggerheads on finances

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Lou Schimmel was the city's state-appointed emergency financial manager for several years, but even he left without finishing a year with a balanced budget.

Even if a state-appointed emergency financial manager were to return, state law restricts what actions can be taken — namely union contracts cannot be broken. The city would have to be declared bankrupt before contracts could be ripped up.

All but one councilmember vocally supported increasing the city's property tax rate by 2.3 mills to the legal limit of 20 mills and allowing voters to decide whether to adopt an extra 3 mills to offset the cost of public safety.

Those two actions could bring in $1.2 million a year – still not quite enough to cover all the expenses.

The only councilmember who seemed in favor of both taxes is Mayoral Pro Tem Catrina Stackpoole.

Councilmember Tom Jankowski was the most outspoken and said before he approves raising taxes, he wants to take on the police and fire unions. He said the city can no longer afford their salaries and benefits.

"We need to roll up our sleeves and prepare for a fight," he said about taking on those two unions.

Public safety costs Hamtramck about $8 million out of its $18 million yearly budget.

What appears to be happening is that the city may be forced to wait for the police and fire contracts to expire next June and then either negotiate a radically different contract or contract with Detroit or Wayne County to take over police service and Detroit to also take over fire service, or perhaps run the Fire Department with volunteers – something Schimmel wanted to do.

The financial outlook for the region and state gets even grimmer. According to a recent Detroit News report, local analysts say the year 2011 will be worse for the state and that cities may be hit with deeper state revenue sharing cuts.

No matter what happens, in the not-so-distant future, the quality of life in Hamtramck is going to be very different than the one of today.

Support Your Local Businesses Get Out on the Hamtown!

This week at the library...

Math Kangaroo USA Competition - Students from Hamtramck have earned the following standings in the USA Math Kangaroo Competitive Test administered in March in the library: Ankan Bhattacharya - 3rd place nationwide USA at level 5, Ankith Udupa - 1st place statewide at level 2, Suraj Pakala - 1st place statewide at level 3, Kevin Zhang - 1st place statewide at level 4, Ankan Bhattacharya - 1st place statewide at level 5, Hamam Ali Almakrai - 1st place statewide at level 6, Jacob Brazeal - 1st place statewide at level 7, Inchan Lee - 1st place statewide at level 8. Congratulations to all the winners.

Homework Assistance - **Every Saturday from 11a.m. to 1 p.m.** Volunteers and tutors will be available at the library to help students get ahead with their schoolwork.

English as a Second Language Class – **Saturday, May 22 at 10 a.m.** Classes are conducted by new instructor, Christina Templin. New students are welcome.

Storytime at the Library - **Saturday, May 22 at noon.** All the children are invited for a reading of children's stories in the library. Bring along your friends and stay for the arts and crafts workshop.

Math Club Meeting - **Tuesday, May 25 at 4 p.m.** Mr. Nuo is the instructor for the math club and math tutoring program.

Meeting of the Library Board - **Thursday, June 10 at 6 p.m.** Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. The meeting is open to the public.

Movie Wednesday - **Wednesday, May 26 at 3:30 p.m.** Every Wednesday is movie day at the library. Come and enjoy our feature presentation including popcorn and snacks. This week feature is "New Moon," followed by a raffle of various New Moon prizes.

Friends of the Library Meeting - **Thursday, June 17 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.

Community Garden - **Saturday, May 22 at 11 a.m.** Volunteers willing to help with the community garden will meet on Saturday to plan improvements and make preparations for planting the garden.

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

Evening with an Author, Richard J. Lutz - **Thursday, June 10 at 7 p.m.** Reserve June 10 to meet the author of "Jadwiga's Crossing," a story of the great Polish migration. This first great wave of Polish migration consisted of two categories: cultural patriots who believed they could fight for restoration of Poland and refugees motivated by considerations of freedom and economics.

ESL Summer Reading Program - **June 18.** Registration and opening session for the ESL Summer Reading Program 2010 will be held on Friday June 18. This special program is funded by the American Library Association and will continue throughout the summer months. Free to participants.

Canoeing with Doc Fletcher - **Tuesday, July 27 at 6 p.m.** Doc Fletcher will present a program on his canoeing and kayaking adventures through Michigan and Wisconsin. Everyone is invited.

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.

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Painted Lady: Mondays – $1 beer night w/ Todd. Tuesdays – B-movie Night. Wednesdays – Opium Den; Thursdays – Honky Tonk/Ladies Night, $2 wells; 2930 Jacob; (313) 874-2991

Shadow Bar: Thursdays: doors open at 10 p.m., Ladies free till 10:30 pm 21 and over only. FM 98 WJLB with DJ Fingers; Business Man dress Code In affect; Friday: Back Door Jam. Doors open at 8:00 pm. Free Cover before 9pm. 21 and OVER welcome. Dress to Impress, Cover after 9 is $10!! Valet parking available; Live broadcast on Mix 92.3 from 7pm- Midnight. Saturday: Ladies free till 10:30 pm; Wear what ever you want. Hot 102.7 Live Broadcast with BIG GREG and DJ Chandler. Valet Parking available;

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7 Brothers Bar: Hamtramck's hippest hangout for actors, 11831 Jos. Campau; (313) 365-6576.

Atlas Bar: One of the last neighborhood bars, come shoot pool. $1 domestic beer specials until 7 p.m. and $1 Black Label & Schlitz until 8 p.m., 2363 Yemans.

Carbon Lounge: 11474 Joseph Campau.

Celina's Sports Bar: Lots of TV's, sports and hot women, 11667 Jos. Campau; (313) 365-4194.

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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 is not meeting at this time. 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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Second Front Page

Anyone game for fixing up the grandstands?

By Ian Perrotta
Review staffwriter

Wouldn't it be great if the city had an outdoor venue that could host concerts, speeches and other community events? Well, it turns out it already does.

At least that's the contention of Hamtramck resident Scott Collins, who believes the former baseball grandstands at Veterans Memorial Park fits that description. After hearing about the possibility that it might be torn down as a result of the city's revised Master Plan, the former project development manager and current Planning Commission member decided to take a look at the site himself. What he saw was both startling and inspiring.

"The stadium is actually in really good condition," he said. "Aside from a few structural repairs and some cosmetic work, there really isn't too much wrong with it. It could easily be fixed up and put to use."

To do that, Collins is currently working with the Hamtramck Community Initiative on an effort to restore the grandstands. Armed with a background in architecture, he envisions a future where the site is a destination spot for both locals and outsiders alike. But in order to do so, he'll need some help.

This Saturday (May 22) at 2 p.m. at the Weed and Seed office, located at 12101 Jos. Campau, there will be an informational meeting to discuss the project and organize the logistics of the undertaking. During the meeting, an overview of the project will be laid out and committees will be formed to help take the concept from idea to reality.

Though the project is still in its infancy and has yet to go through any official channels, when asked about it City Manager Bill Cooper expressed an interest in seeing it come to fruition. He said that provided a realistic plan was presented to the city and the necessary funds were raised, the project has potential.

"If there's a group that can come up with a way to do it and pay for it, I don't think anyone would be opposed to the idea of fixing up the stadium," he said.

So far, the project has generated some buzz throughout the community and has even received pledges of financial support. Habitat for Hamtramck, a now defunct nonprofit that had a mission of redeveloping the area, has stepped up to the plate and agreed to donate the remaining money in its bank account – over $1,600 – to the project.

The grandstands were built from October 1929 to May 1930 by John Roesink, a clothing store proprietor who also owned the Detroit Stars, a Negro Baseball League team. The official opening-day game was played on May 11, 1930, when the Detroit Stars defeated the Cuban Stars 7-4. The Tigers' legendary Ty Cobb threw out the first pitch.

When gardening was a weapon of war

By Greg Kowalski
Special to The Review

Like gardening? Take it seriously?

Most people who dabble in the dirt do love cultivating their own food. But there was a time in Hamtramck when gardening was taken so seriously, it was governed by law. And if you broke the law, you risked a $100 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

City Ordinance No. 188 was passed in June 1943, and provided the stiff penalties to protect the burgeoning number of gardens flourishing in the city. But there was more at stake than protecting tomatoes and carrots.

Copernicus Junior High School sixth graders from Esther Beaudoin's class plant a Victory Garden across the street from the school in June 1943.The young gardeners are (from left) Steve Kuzmicki, Lorraine Nowacki, Barnara Wyson, Lorraine Wisniewski, Elsie Tracynski, Miss Beaudoin, Walter Pakulak and Arthur Kalemkiewicz.

America was at war, and the effort to defeat the enemy wasn't limited to the battlefields of Europe and the Pacific.

The war effort back home was widespread. Bond drives raised millions of dollars for the government and seemingly every bit of scrap metal, rubber and paper - even cigarette wrappers - was gathered and reprocessed for the war effort.

Vast quantities of food and other resources were needed to maintain the multi-million person American Army. That led to shortages at home, meaning commodities like gasoline, coffee, sugar, flour and even - gasp! - whiskey were rationed.

To help supplement the dinner table, people were encouraged to grow whatever they could. So not long after the war began, people were

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Review: Opinion Page

Let's keep shining a light on local government

Recently, we had a chat with Hamtramck City Manager Bill Cooper who gave us an interesting tip.

There is pending legislation in the Michigan House in which local governments would no longer be required to publish their public notices in their local newspapers. Instead, the law would be changed to allow communities to post their notices to the public via the Internet, which would most likely be their own website.

The thinking behind this proposal is to allow cities to save money in advertising costs. At first glance, considering the tough economic times of survival, it makes sense.

But in the bigger picture of things, this is a disturbing proposal and will result in local government being less transparent and becoming out of reach for many people who still don't have access to the Internet.

We should be upfront before we continue: The Review has the potential of earning about $10,000 a year from city advertising.

That's not exactly a huge savings, but it is indeed a nice chunk of change.

However, we publish 5,000 copies of The Review each week and there have been few returns left over. That's pretty deep penetration into the community.

Anyone want to guess how many people visit the city's website in a given week? Maybe a handful, or to be generous, 300?

Bill Cooper said he supports the change in the state law. It's about saving money any which way he can.

We're not surprise to hear that. But he's looking at this issue strictly as a money issue. It is so much more than that.

Those public notices will, ironically, go unnoticed if the city is allowed to skip advertising in the local newspaper. By publishing notices for bids in a little seen website, it begs the question, could this lead, down the road, to shady, behind the scenes deals?

We're not suggesting Bill Cooper or any of our current public officials are inclined to this course of action, but we are saying it's a slippery slope in the years to come.

We need more openness in government, not less. Sometimes the cost of keeping appearances above board is worth a few dollars extra. Let's encourage the city – and our state legislators – to keep shining a light on city government and to steer away from hiding information.

Elected leaders would rather see Hamtramck die than dare raise taxes

No one likes to hear about raising taxes.

But not all tax increases are equal. Take the case of Hamtramck where the City Council has the option of raising property taxes 2.3 mills, up to the city's legal limit. Once Hamtramck maxes out its tax rate, it's up to voters to then decide whether to continue raising taxes.

Raising local taxes 2.3 mills may not sound like a big number – and to property owners it would be less than $50 extra a year – but it would bring in an additional $500,000 a year. Considering the city is facing a $900,000 deficit, that tax increase would go a long way to fixing our budget.

But there are certain councilmembers who are, so far, dead set against any tax increase. Instead, they would opt to cut positions and departments, notably the Downtown Development Authority and the Events Coordinator.

Those cuts would be a grave mistake. The DDA is needed to make sure development continues in the city's main business district, Jos. Campau. The Events Coordinator has already more than produced what she is paid for the position.

It's a popular notion for politicians to campaign on a platform to cut the size of government. It's also a cynical way to win votes and remain a career politician, ironically feeding off of taxpayers' money. Hamtramck will wither and die without knowledgeable people steering our city.

City Councilmembers Mohammed Hassan, Cathie Gordon, Tom Jankowski and Kazi Miah need to do the right thing and raise our taxes to the rightful legal limit. We are facing a June 2 deadline to adopt a city budget for the new fiscal year.

Time is running out and work sessions on the budget are proving to be a waste of time. Make a decision, councilmembers, and yes, it's a "hard" decision. But it's the right decision to make sure Hamtramck weathers this economic storm.

Letters • Letters

Hamtramck students well represented in essay contest

In an essay contest open to all students and all schools in Metropolitan Detroit for grades 4-8, HPS had two of the five winners out of approximately 5000 entries. The essay's theme was "if you had to create an all new business or invention…what would you create?" "How would this business or invention impact your community?"

The contest is part of The Ford Freedom Awards program sponsored by the Ford Motor Company in cooperation with the Charles Wright Museum of African American History.

The two winning writers were on both Channel 7 and Channel 4. The essay contest winners are 4th grader Logan Hughes and 5th grader Majdi Chowdhury. Logan received a US savings bond for $250 and Majdi received a bond for $2,500. Both students attend Dickinson East. Congratulations to Logan's current teacher (Mr. Fraser) and Majdi's current teacher (Mrs. Klikovac)and to all former teachers of those two students.

Kosciuszko school also was represented. 7th grader Tazia Miah (Mrs. Smith) earned an "honorable mention." Congratulations to Tazia's current and former teachers also. Her prize was an all expenses paid field trip for her class to the awards program. During the program Kosciuszko students competed on stage against other schools in a "destroy, build, destroy" competition in which the objective was to build a car. Kosciuszko did an excellent job representing HPS.

Thomas Niczay
Superintendent
Hamtramck Public Schools

Odds & Ends

Newly elected … Our friends over at PLAV Post 10 recently had their annual election of officers and we're please to report the following were elected:

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As a note, Roy Kmiecik has been Commander for the past 10 years and before that served as Sr. Vice Commander for 25 years. He is now serving as Treasurer. Congratulations, Roy, for a job well done.

Shine on … Recently we were visited by Hamtramck resident David Bark who came in to tell us about his video production company. David does some pretty good work and is seeking new clients.

He can do any event, whether it's a family get-together or a business promotion. Look to see some of his work on our website, hamtramckreview.com, in the near future.

His company is called Lightshine Productions, and he can be reached at (313) 310-9367 or online at www.lightshineproductions.com.

Coming soon … After being in business a year now, we have good news, dear readers. The Review is expanding. That is, we will soon be hitting the streets with dark blue newspaper boxes. Yes, old-fashioned newspaper boxes.

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Feature

Trish Astrology

Aries (March 20-April 19): "I'd rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself," said Thoreau, "than be crowded on a velvet cushion." But how would the author of Walden feel about being crowded while sitting on a pumpkin is what we want to know Aries. Someone needs more space in an uncomfortable situation, and we think it might be us.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): "Once you have their money, you never give it back," say the Ferengi, Star-Trek's race of über-capitalist aliens. Just quote the Ferengi when a significant other makes inquiries about cash on hand Taurus. It will leave them guessing, and beats saying, "Honey, I spent it."

Gemini (May 21-June 20): When asked why he didn't take company on a cross-country bicycle trip, a long distance cyclist replied, "Because I didn't want anyone pooping out and slowing me down!" Whether to begin a journey alone or with company in tow is this week's question Gem. Would it surprise us to know they're wondering the same thing?

Cancer (June 21-July 22): "Marriage is the only adventure," wrote Voltaire, "open to the cowardly." No wonder we're confused Cancer–we thought we were in a love story, and really we've been cast in an adventure tale, or is it vice-versa? Current chaos is all part of the script, so we may as well put on our Daniel Boone cap and call it fun.

Leo (July 22-Aug 23): "The map," said Al Korzybski, "isn't the territory." We've discovered that sometimes the map isn't even close to the territory Leo. Plans involving distant places or distant times keep leaving us feeling lost. Wasn't GPS supposed to solve all this?

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22): "We are at our best," says Orsino in Shakespeare's 12th Night, "when least in company." We're thinking Orsino must've been a Virgo, Virgo, because other people keep mucking up carefully laid plans. This week it may happen again. At least we'll have someone nearby to complain to when it does.

Libra (Sept 22-Oct 23): "Those who visit foreign nations, but associate only with their own countrymen," wrote C. Colton, " ... return home with traveled bodies, but untraveled minds." If someone's pushing us out of our comfort zone this week Libra, it means we've ignored the stellar message to get out of that rut under our own power. As the sign of relationships, we hate it when we've only ourselves to blame.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 22): "Every new possession," wrote Ruskin, "loads us with new weariness." In our case Scorpio, this is because whenever we try to dump our possessions, they keep us up all night begging to be let back in. Current or former obsessions are this week's problem. Yes, yet again.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21): "What dost thou think then of seeing the world?" quips Peleg in Moby Dick. "Can't ye see the world where you stand?" Something that began as an adventure is turning into a contest with nature Sadge. As long as we don't bother creatures better left alone, we'll come out of it with a story we can write home about.

Capricorn (Dec 21-Jan 19): "To see religion in action," writes Anneli Rufus, "is to see mobs." Our followers are frightening us a bit this week Cappy. Who knew signing up for a Twitter account would make us a smart phone's slave? Stars say technology causes chaos. We knew the modern era was a bad idea.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 20): "Now that food has replaced sex in my life," goes a t-shirt saying, "I can't even get into my own pants." Something in our life that's getting bigger is putting stress on something else that's staying stuck. Carry duct tape and WD-40, and we'll be prepared for any eventuality Aquarius.

Pisces (Feb 19-March 20): "Trust in God," say the Arabs, "but tether your camel." No one can make leaps of faith bigger than we can Pisces. But if we outsource looking after our priorities this week, stars say key components of current plans may be hard to find when we really need them.

Astrologer Trish Marie first realized the sky is talking in 1996. It hasn't shut up since. She is based in SE Michigan. Find her on Facebook at Trish Marie Astrology.

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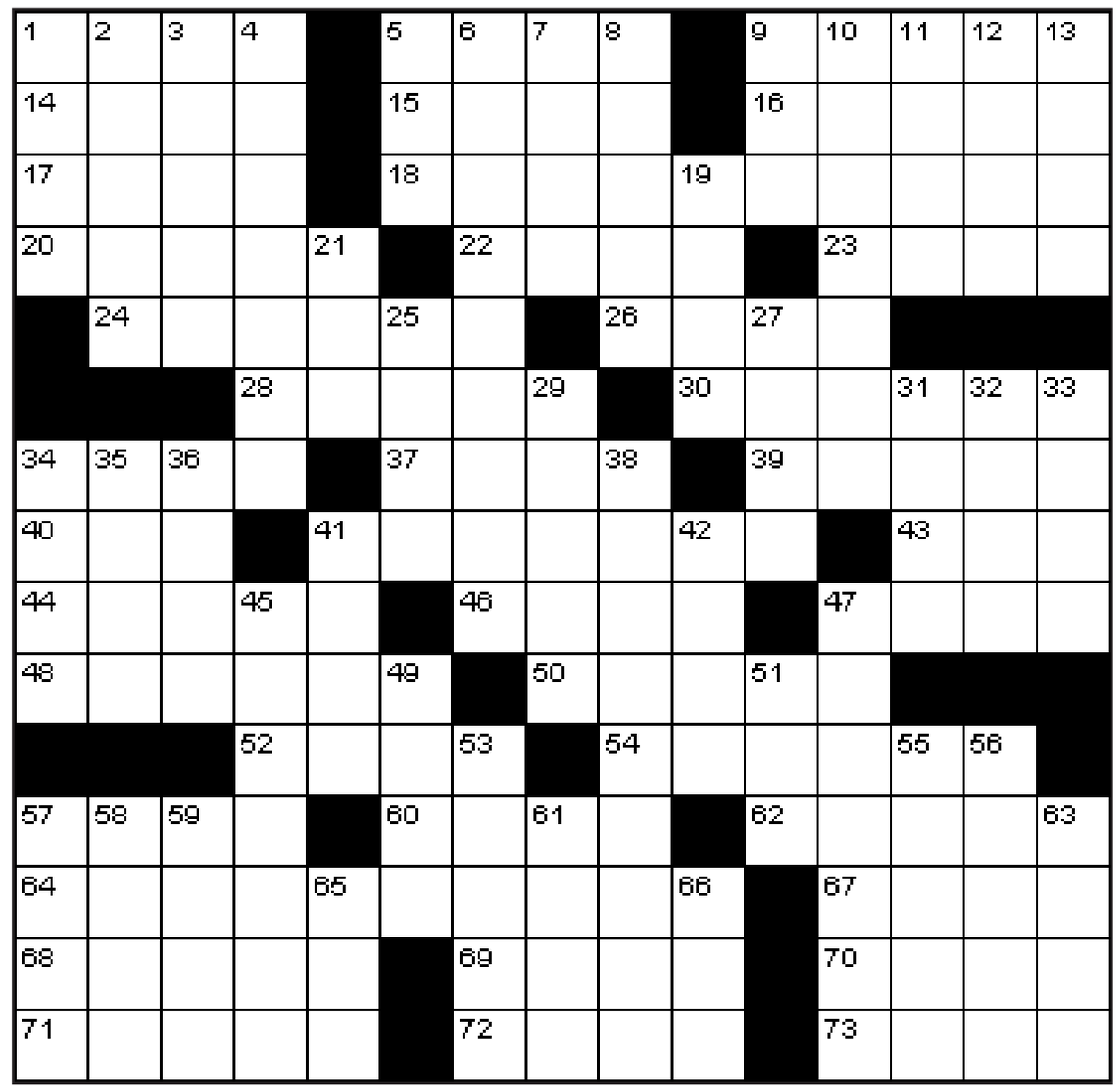

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29 Indians of Arizona
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32 Authentic
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35 "Nope!"
36 Author John Dickson ___
38 Tenor Luciano
41 Capital of Togo
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49 Butter bits
51 Good for Guillaume
53 Actress Emma
55 Commonplace
56 More level-headed
57 Aussie greeting
58 "___-Man" (1974 spy/sci- fi film)
59 "___ it my way"
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When gardening was a weapon of war

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taking any spare spaces that were available and turning them into gardens - "Victory Gardens."

Hamtramck, like other cities across America, joined in and promoted the garden concept. In March of 1943, the city began to regulate and promote gardening through the local Office of Civil Defense, which maintained an actual office, at 2361 Hewitt St.

At the time, 500 vacant lots were identified as suitable sites for Victory Gardens. The owners were contacted by the city and asked to give permission for their cultivation by would-be gardeners. In this way, persons who wanted to garden but didn't have their own space were given access to the land. All a resident had to do was apply for a permit to plant there.

The proposal proved to be extremely popular. Even Mayor Stephen Skrzycki put in a request for a plot. Plans were also outlined for a municipal garden, to be operated by high school students, but it isn't clear if that was ever established. However, students at Copernicus Junior High School did have a garden across the street from the school.

City Ordinance No. 188 provided a means for regulating the gardens, and established a five-member Victory Garden Commission "to obtain from the office of city assessor and preserve a full and complete list of every vacant lot or available parcel of land in the city of Hamtramck, which shall be useful or the cultivation of Victory Gardens."

It also specified the penalties for vandalizing or trespassing at a Victory Garden. There are no records of anyone being charged with a Victory Garden crime.

But for the record, we did win the war.

(Greg Kowalski is chairman of the Hamtramck Historical Commission.)

Gardener's Corner ...

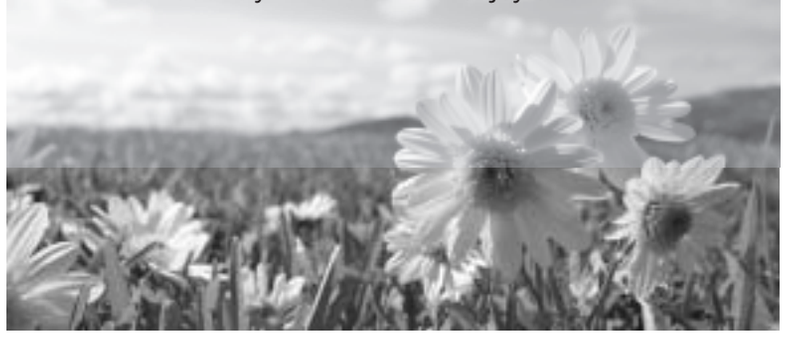
By Kathleen Wojcinski

Possums, Rabbits and Raccoons, Oh My!

Wildlife has a strong foothold in Hamtramck. Possums, rabbits and raccoons share the night with the occasional skunk as geese fly low past the moon.

As more "country" moves back to the city, you can protect your gardens. Boxing in with chicken wire allows pollinating insects in, but keeps nibblers out. Grow squash, pumpkin and melons vertically inside a small fenced corner.

Be creative and you can still enjoy the "critters."



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9/11 mural gets a redo by local students

By Ian Perrotta

Last week's Clean Sweep wasn't all about picking up litter. For Hamtramck Detective Jackie Crachiola, it was about putting down some paint.

Det. Crachiola spent the day at the viaduct on Jos. Campau and Denton St. repainting a mural of the American Flag. The original flag was painted in 2002 by Crachiola and local students and had stood the test of time until vandals recently sprayed graffiti onto it.

The mural was painted to commemorate the 9/11 tragedy and to bring Hamtramck's diverse ethnic communities together.

Once the work on Saturday was complete, the mural was ready for the finishing touches. On Monday, during their gym classes, students from Holbrook Elementary School walked to the site and added some multi-colored handprints into the mix.

If you haven't seen it for yourself, take a look – it's worth the trip.

Street Life

Art in the city

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

By Walter Wasacz

Since all good things seem to come in threes -- think about a good movie where the characters are introduced, a storyline developed and there is resolution in the third act – I thought I'd end my little journey through springtime in Hamtramck with another batch of photos.

As promised, we went out with cameras to find some May landscapes. More flowers are planted, perennials are coming back, and the suddenly sunny weather also helped illuminate some residential murals – the work of longtime Hamtramck artist Dennis Orlowski – that help make the city such a unique place.

We'll do this again at the beginning of summer – when the burst of local color is even more spectacular – and when the colors begin to turn in the fall. There's no shortage of visual energy in these old, still beautiful neighborhoods.

As a bonus, we went down to the RiverWalk at the foot of Rivard St. in downtown Detroit and came back with a detail of a map imbedded in the concrete. All Hamtramck lovers should appreciate this. Take a ride down there. It's only 10 minutes by car, about 25 minutes on bicycle.

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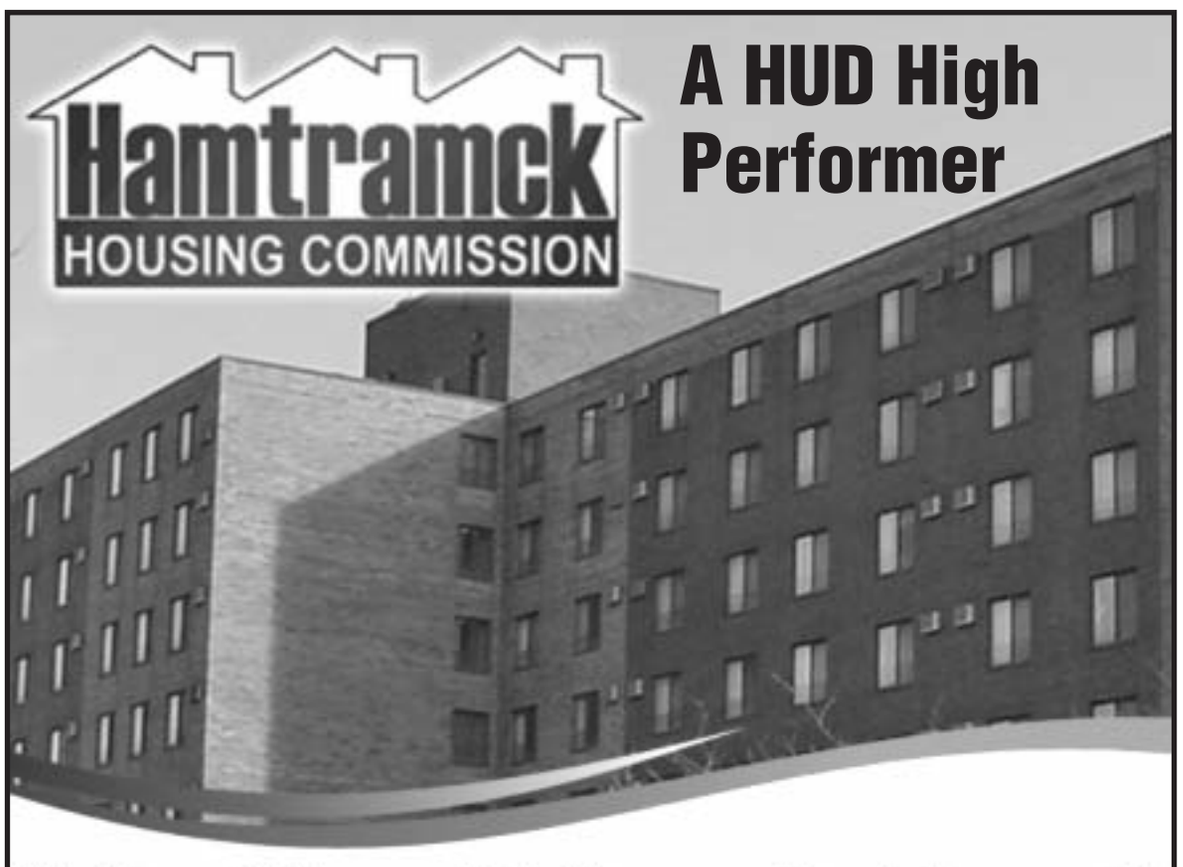

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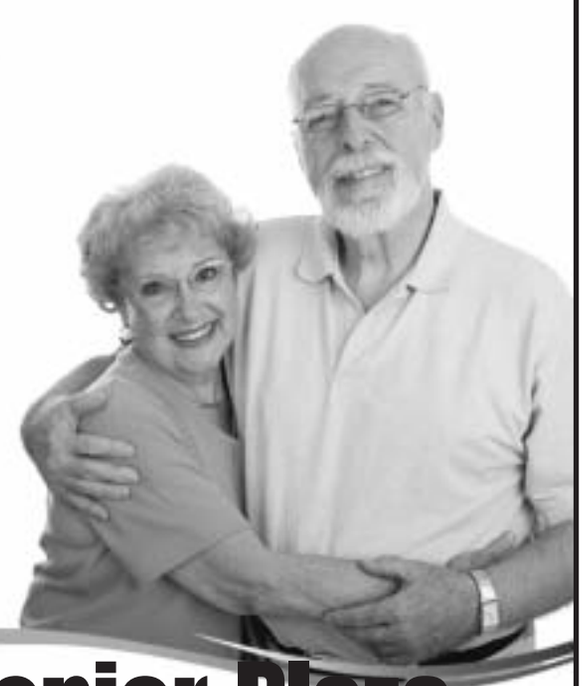

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State Rep. launches his campaign for Senate seat

By Ian Perrotta

Last Saturday (May 15) State Rep. Bert Johnson brought the party to Hamtramck. He was at his campaign headquarters on Jos. Campau to kick off his bid for State Senate.

Johnson, who has represented District 5 since 2006, which includes Hamtramck, announced his candidacy for the 2nd Legislative District in March. The seat is being vacated by Martha Scott, who is unable to run again due to term limits.

State Rep. Bert Johnson speaks to a crowd at his campaign headquarters. He is running for the 2nd District Senate seat, which is being vacated by Martha Scott due to term limits.

Saturday's event brought a host of constituents to the headquarters to celebrate Johnson's past achievements and to wish him well on his future endeavors. Members from the community as well as the local government were on hand to hear Johnson outline his vision for the future.

"I want to continue to press the flesh about job creation, the economy, mass transit, bringing health care early to Michigan and not waiting until 2014, and frankly make sure that this senate district is connected to the politics going on in Lansing," he said. "To this day, I think they've been a little left out, and we can reconnect them – our campaign will do that."

Law will put brakes on speed traps

By Ian Perrotta

Drivers have another ally in their fight against speeding tickets.

Last week, it was reported that State Representatives Rick Jones (R-Grand Ledge) and Bettie Cook Scott (D-Detroit) had introduced a pair of bills that would mandate municipalities to comply with Public Act 85 of 2006, a law that requires speed limits to be set using scientific methods. But what wasn't elaborated on was the fact that the bills would also effectively put an end to speed traps.

As many drivers are all too familiar with, speed traps are areas of the road where the speed limit suddenly drops, or are set artificially low, causing drivers to unwittingly break the law by speeding. In a phone interview with Roy Jones, Rep. Scott's Executive Assistant, Jones explained that when a road has a speed limit that is lower than the rate at which 75 percent of drivers travel the road, then it is a speed trap.

"What happens is that often times you get a sudden drop from a normal state speed limit to a local speed limit that is less than the 75th percentile," he said. "That's what creates a speed trap."

The two pieces of legislation, House Bills 6164 and 6165, came about after Rep. Scott received several calls from citizens who were upset over the traffic tickets they had been issued. Speaking with other members of the House, she realized that the problem was statewide and decided to team-up with Rep. Jones.

Despite their political differences, the two were natural allies – Rep. Scott was a former Detroit police officer and Rep. Jones was a former Eaton County Sherriff. Both were able to use their police experience to draft new laws that would benefit both officers and civilians alike.

"When inappropriate tickets are written and then dismissed it wastes the police officers' time, the courts' time and taxpayer dollars," said Rep. Jones at a press conference last week that announced the bills.

Rep. Scott also spoke at that press conference, agreeing with Rep. Jones' assessment.

"It's a massive waste of taxpayer money when our residents have to go to court to challenge a fine they should not have received in the first place," she said.

According to a recent Detroit News survey, Hamtramck has a speed trap on part of the I-75 service drive.

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TUESDAYS, 10-11:30 a.m. – A resume building workshop is now being offered every Tuesday at People's Community Services, 8625 Jos. Campau. This is available to all community members interested in learning how to create resumes and cover letters. Call (313) 875-1750 for more information.

WEDNESDAYS, 10 a.m.-noon – Hamtramck Narcotics Anonymous meets. The meetings are open to anyone. For more information, call Stephanie at (313) 576-7015.

THURSDAYS, 10 a.m.-noon – Hamtramck AA "Back to Basics" Twelve Step meets. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Stephanie at (313) 576-7015.

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.

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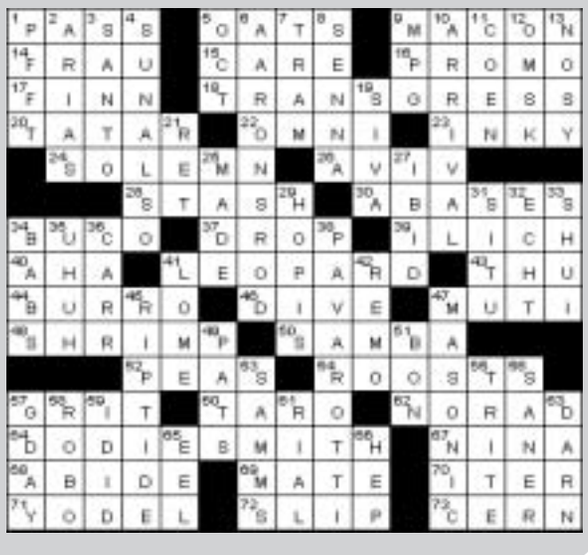

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12020 St. Aubin - 3 BR, basement, $20,000

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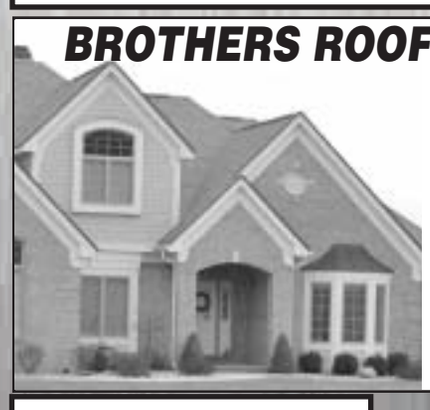

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Students have their day in court

By Ian Perrotta

Order in the court!

On Wednesday (May 19) students from Dickinson East Elementary School got an up-close-and-personal look at the country's legal system. Carrie Stein's fourth-grade class visited Hamtramck's 31st District Court and took part in a mock trial.

The trial, acted out by students playing the role of attorneys, judge and jurors focused on a dispute over the ownership of a diamond. Moto Moto the hippo claimed the diamond was his and that he had hidden it in his pond for safe-keeping. Melman the giraffe believed the diamond was his because he found it. After hearing the testimony of everyone involved, a jury of six students decided that the diamond did in fact belong to Melman.

Once the trial was over, Judge Paul Paruk chatted with the students and answered the many questions they had for him. The students were clearly interested in what he had to say and many asked about what it would take to become a judge or bailiff themselves.

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