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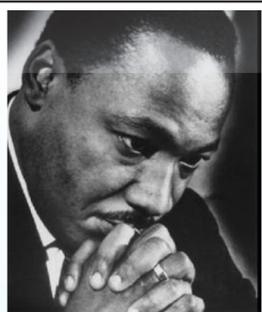
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Quick Hits

Monday (Jan. 21) is Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. To commemorate the occasion, the Concerned Women of Hamtramck and Hamtramck Public Schools will host the 16th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast.

The breakfast is being held at the Community Center at 11350 Charest (next to the high school) and will also feature a song, dance, poetry, drama and art competition from each public school. The theme is "Hamtramck's Got Talent" and the audience will choose the winner.

Tickets to the event are \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids and \$120 for a table of eight. For reservations contact Madelyn Porter at (313) 310-3295.

Quote of the week ...

Who said this, and what is it about? You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

"It's very important for students and teachers to recycle at home, work, and school so we can all provide for a safer, cleaner future."

Let's take a look into the next 12 months

By Charles Sercombe

With 2012 now just a memory, it's time to wipe off our crystal ball and gaze into Hamtramck's future.

So far, it's looking a lot like last year — well, at least in terms of the city's finances. Hamtramck officials are still trying to come up with a plan to reduce the budget deficit.

All they have managed to do so far is reject one deficit elimination plan after another. Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag said he wants to hold work sessions with the city council to discuss just what exactly councilmembers have on their mind.

That may prove to be harder than it sounds since this council has been divided on a number of issues.

Speaking of Tertzag, his contract as temporary acting city manager is up in July. The council has backed off on its search for a permanent city manager until the city's financial picture improves.

By July, Tertzag could be appointed to that position since he will at that time have the minimum amount of experience required by the city charter to be a city manager.

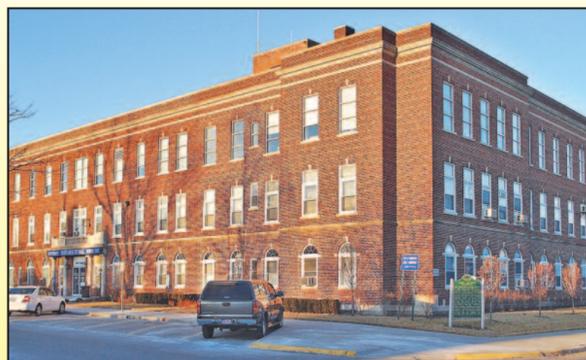
But before that happens, city officials need to cross their fingers and hope the city doesn't run out of money to meet employee payroll — which is a strong possibility.

If that does occur, it's likely the state will step in and appoint an emergency manager. Tertzag told The Review that he has met with state officials and that one of the options "on the table" is to combine Hamtramck and Highland Park into Detroit.

Yes, state officials are actually considering that.

The public school district is also wrestling with a budget deficit, but its administration has made huge progress in whittling it down. In the past year, the district reduced its budget shortfall from \$4.9

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Above: City officials will still be working on a plan to reduce the city budget deficit this year. Below: One plan being discussed to reduce the city's costs is to combine the police and fire departments into one public safety department.



City considers a new fee for resale shops

By Ian Perrotta

Stores that buy and sell used merchandise in Hamtramck may soon have to purchase something new — a permit allowing them to operate.

The city council is considering an ordinance that requires businesses that purchase goods to be resold to register with the city and track their

transactions online. The proposed law will be reviewed at next Tuesday's regular council meeting.

According to Police Chief Max Garbarino, the new regulation is a way to simultaneously prevent stolen goods from being resold within the city while not burdening residential taxpayers with additional fees.

"It affects basically anyone buying stuff off the street," he says. "The only exception is if the business is primarily clothing."

For businesses that are affected by the ordinance, the difference will be noticeable. In addition to paying a \$500 fee to operate, second-hand and resale stores must now also

track their merchandise through a program called Lead-Online. Each transaction will cost \$1.

"The fee goes toward covering operating expenses," says Chief Garbarino. "It's not going to balance the budget, but it helps."

A different, existing ordinance

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A clash of commerce and religion

By Charles Sercombe

Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag said it doesn't make any sense to allow a religious center to take up prime real estate.

He was commenting on the proposed Islamic center that plans to locate in a building at the northwest corner of Jos. Campau and Caniff — the very center of the city's business district.

"In most successful communities you don't have religious institutions as part of your downtown," Tertzag said.

Religious centers are exempt from paying property taxes, which is one of the main revenue sources that communities rely on to provide basic services, such as police and fire protection.

It's unclear if there are legal actions that can be taken to prevent the center from operating in the city's main business district. The city's Zoning Board approved the center. The Zoning Board members include: Andrew Biscoglia, John Kales, Steven Cherry, Mark Hausner, Mohamed Delwar Hussain, Nasr Hussain, Alan Fertz (alternate), Mohammed Rahman (alternate) and Jason Friedmann.

There will be three Islamic centers operating on that block. And that has more than just city officials talking about this development.

Loretta Gubin of Belmont St. said she is exploring a legal challenge, saying the city can't afford to allow religious centers to operate in commercial buildings.

"It's tax-exempt, and it's taking away business from this city," she said. "How many buildings do they need in a two-mile radius?"

Supporters of the mosque, who spoke recently at the city's Plan Commission, say religious centers attract new residents and spur business growth.

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Let's take a look into the next 12 months

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million to \$3.7 million.

District Superintendent Tom Niczay said that if everything goes as planned, the deficit will be eliminated by 2015. Hmmm, maybe he could loan his administration out to the city for a little while.

For political junkies, this election year promises some drama. Councilmembers Abdul Algazali, Tom Jankowski and Mohammed Hassan are all up for re-election.

Mayor Karen Majewski is also up for re-election.

The word is that all three councilmembers have an interest in running for mayor. What's not clear is whether Mayor Majewski will seek another term.

Majewski has not said she will bow out this year but there is plenty of talk in town that it appears she's not in-

terested in another term.

Expect a land rush of sorts in the coming months. The city is about to settle a long-standing housing discrimination lawsuit that has held up the sale of city lots for over 30 years.

But before you start staking a claim on that lot next door to you, city officials are first going to get each property appraised.

It's expected that at some point, the lots will be put up for auction. Some lots may also be held back to be developed into "pocket" parks and neighborhood gardens.

What city officials would like to see happen to the majority of them is for new housing to be built.

Public safety.

That will be one hot topic this year. There is serious talk

in city government circles of doing away with the fire department, and combining it into the police department, which would then be renamed as a public safety department.

What all this means is that cops will drive around with firefighting gear and do the job of firefighters when a fire breaks out.

Hey firefighters, better start brushing up on your knowledge of the law and law enforcement. And learn how to use a gun.

City officials we've talked to predict that combining the two departments into one would save anywhere from \$2-\$3 million a year plus allow the city to get more cops out on patrols.

In the city's cultural and social scene, the largest party

of the year, The Hamtramck Labor Day Festival, looks like it's on solid financial ground.

Two new organizers, Shannon Lowell and Konrad Maziarz, took over managing the festival last year and they were able to produce a small profit.

We can hardly wait.

Let's give that crystal ball a little more shining. Ah, what we see is an ongoing increase in home property values, but forget about those values coming back up to where they were before the housing bubble blew up.

Hamtramck's housing values will just inch up a little bit in the coming year, but, hey, it's better than sliding backwards.

Well, the old crystal ball is clouding over, and it's time to pack it up for another year. See you in 2014.

City considers a new fee for resale shops

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nance requires businesses that sell used precious metals and gems to pay a \$500 yearly fee and keep track of purchases.

Around town, the reaction to the proposed law has yet to fully be measured. Catrina Stackpoole of Recycled Treasures was initially worried about the cost, but after discussing the situation with officials realized her store was exempt because she only takes donations and does not buy goods to be resold.

"In general, I'm happy that

an effort is being made and something is being done," she said.

The new ordinance isn't the only business-related item on the agenda, however. Changes are also in the works to raise the yearly business license fee from \$75 to \$100. On the plus side, the increase will also cover the registration of business alarms, which used to cost \$100 by itself.

"There's always been an ordinance requiring repayment for alarm calls, but no one ever enforced it," says Chief Garbarino "The old ordinance set a few years ago stated fees were to be regularly set by council, but they never did."

Under the proposal businesses get a free response to their first two alarm calls. The third response will come with a fee of \$100, the fourth will cost \$200 and all subsequent calls thereafter will be \$250.

"It had to be done. I picked fees that I thought were reasonable and presented them to the council," says Chief Garbarino. "I kind of expected them to tinker with it, but they approved."

A clash of commerce and religion

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The Al-Islah Islamic Center on Caniff plans on moving into the building at Caniff and Jos. Campau.

Abdul Motlib, an Imam at the center, told the Plan Commission last week that on average, only 10 or 15 people will be in the center six days out of the week. On Fridays, he said, about 200 worshippers will be at the center.

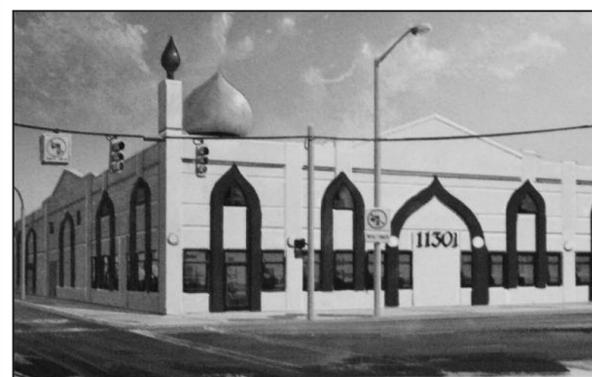
But before that happens, the center first has to get the OK from the Zoning Board for a facade design that does not comply with the city's regula-

tions.

The city requires buildings in the commercial zone that get a variance of use or wish to get a facade upgrade to have at least 70 percent of the facade be windows.

The requirements also says that windows on the upper floors must remain. The design plan for the mosque covers up the upper windows and falls short of the window ratio on the facade.

The Zoning Board will next meet on Feb. 6.



An artist's redesign of the building at the northwest corner of Jos. Campau and Caniff into an Islamic center.

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ESL Class with Christine Templin - Saturday, January 19 at noon. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Christine Templin, free to the public.

Make'n'Take Crafts - Tuesday, January 22, at 4 p.m. All children are invited to our arts and crafts workshop celebrating the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Math Kangaroo Club - Tuesday, January 22 at 3:30 p.m. Learn math in a fun way, and prepare for the annual international math contest while improving your grades in school.

Financial Activist Club - Tuesday, January 15 at 5 p.m. Hamtramck residents of all ages are invited to join our financial workshops, designed to expand your knowledge of budgeting and investing. Registration is required.

ESL Conversation Class - Tuesday, January 22 at 4 p.m. Ms. Trisa conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

Computer Classes for Beginners - Wednesday, January 23 at 11 a.m. Learn basic computer skills and how to navigate the Internet or use email. Registration is required and space is limited.

Citizenship & Naturalization Program Session #3/8 - Wednesday, January 23 at 5:30 p.m. In cooperation with the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, attorneys will help Hamtramck residents in preparing to pass the Naturalization Test and assist with the N-400 form and filing of application forms for U.S. Citizenship. To sign up for the assistance

program call the library at 365-7050.

Movie Night - Thursday, January 24 at 4 p.m. All children are invited to a movie and free popcorn. This week's feature to be announced.

ESL Class with Latisha Edge - Friday, January 25 at 3 p.m. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Latisha Edge, free to the public.

Story Time for Children - Saturday, January 26, at 11 a.m. Join your friends at the library for a reading of a story book for children. This week we will meet a couple of splendid pets.

Toddler Time at the Library - Monday, January 28 at 11 a.m. Join us for story time, arts & crafts, games and other fun activities. This week we will celebrate Snowman Day. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

Family Game Night - Thursday, January 31 at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in games and contests during family night. This week it is checkers night.

Promise of Freedom: The Emancipation Proclamation - Thursday, February 7 at 5 p.m. To commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the program will present a reading of the documents during its visit in Michigan.

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, February 14 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, February 21 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

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Second Front Page

Feds raid city's worst kept secret

By Charles Sercombe

Police are being tight-lipped over a raid at a Jos. Campau medical clinic Wednesday morning.

Hamtramck police were assisted by the DEA and state police in the raid of the Qandi Family Medical & Urgent Care Center, in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.

The clinic had long been rumored to be issuing illegal prescriptions. On almost any day, a long line of people could be seen waiting to get into the clinic, which raised suspicion over what was going on inside.

Mayor Karen Majewski, on her Facebook page, said she was pleased the office was shut down.

"I've been waiting for this!!!



On Wednesday morning, local and federal agents raided a medical clinic and arrested a doctor for writing illegal prescriptions.

Made my day!" she wrote.

Hamtramck Police Chief Max Garbarino said he could

not release any details of the investigations, but he did confirm there were multiple ar-

rests.

However, according to a Detroit News article, investigators arrested the doctor of the clinic, Dr. Basil Qandil. He is being charged with conspiracy to commit health care fraud and conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, according to court records that the Detroit News reviewed.

The News also said that Dr. Qandil wrote 140 prescriptions a day – the second highest number of prescriptions written in the state.

Several months ago police were called to the clinic because patients began fighting. It was at that time that the public became aware of the daily activity at the clinic.

Coming events

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 23, noon – The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will hold a card and bunco special, featuring a share the wealth prize, raffle, door and table prizes, at Queen of Apostles Activity Center, entrance on Harold St., fenced-in parking. Admission is \$7.

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City officials scramble to stop bar opening

By Charles Sercombe

Normally, city officials welcome the opening of a business.

But that's not the case of the former Shadow Bar on Jos. Campau, just north of Caniff.

At press time Thursday, the bar's owner planned to reopen this weekend and feature a hip-hop format.

That had city officials scrambling on Wednesday to figure out a way to block the

opening. A special city council meeting was scheduled for Thursday evening to discuss the issue.

Two years ago, the bar's owner signed an agreement to not feature hip-hop at the establishment after a series of shootings and robberies had happened. It's unclear why the bar can open with that entertainment format since it has an agreement with the city.

Councilmember Cathie Gordon said it appears City Attorney James Allen thinks there is a loophole in the agreement that allows the bar to reopen.

"We need a second interpretation," Gordon said. "We signed that agreement in good faith. I don't know what the problem is, but I have to put that on Jim Allen."

Allen could not be reached for comment.

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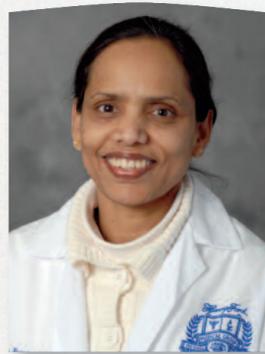
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At Dickinson East, recycling is elementary

By Ian Perrotta

Some things learned in school last a lifetime. But when you're being taught about saving the environment, the lesson outlasts a lifetime.

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And therein lies the significance of recycling. Just ask fifth-grade teacher Rahiel Housey-Johnson, the coordinator of the school's recycling program and previously the head of Holbrook Garden at Holbrook Elementary.

"It's very important for students and teachers to recycle at home, work, and school so we can all provide for a safer,

cleaner future," she says.

One way the school is helping to provide for that safer and cleaner future is its benches, which were created out of 1,500 recycled milk jugs. As actual tangible objects, they help students understand how products can be reused for different purposes.

Another eco-friendly measure being taken by the school is separating the paper from its regular trash. Participating classes keep a box in the room, and when it gets full it gets transferred to larger bins in a central location.

But what happens when the bins get full? Thanks to the efforts of Hamtramck Recycling Commission member Jason Eddleston, they are stored at Sterling Oil until the city's recycling day (the second Saturday of every month).



From left to right: Wazha Syeda, Dominik Dulak, Asmaa Yafai, and La'Chanty Jones, all fifth graders at Dickinson East Elementary School.

"Nothing special happens to the paper," says Housey-Johnson. "But it's out of the incinerator, and for now that's good enough for me."

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Police believe robbery crew is targeting the city

By Charles Sercombe

There's a crime spree happening on Hamtramck's streets.

Based on daily police reports, over a dozen street robberies have occurred in the past few weeks.

According to Police Chief Max Garbarino, it appears to be one crew of criminals targeting the city.

The most recent robberies happened on Monday evening when a man walking in the Belmont and Brombach area noticed a red Pontiac pull up and two black males carrying a shotgun and a handgun exited the car.

The suspects confronted the man and took his coat, containing a cell phone and his house key.

About an hour later, four black males approached two people at the ATM machine at PNC bank. One of the suspects had a shotgun. They robbed the pair of \$500.

The suspects are described as being about 6 feet tall and in their 20s.

Garbarino said he is working with Detroit police because the suspects have been robbing people just outside Hamtramck.

He said investigators are "in tune with what we are looking for."

Garbarino also said he has more police reserves patrolling the city. Anyone with information about the suspects or who witnesses a suspicious situation can call 911.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CONTRACTOR SERVICES

Date: January 18, 2013

1. PURPOSE

The Hamtramck Downtown Development Authority is seeking the basic services of qualified, contract firms or individual contractors to provide professional services that include construction/contracting for the restoration and renovation of facades and storefronts eligible for the Hamtramck Downtown Development Authority Façade Grant Program.

The professional services may include, but not be limited to, construction and contracting work for the restoration and renovation of facades and storefronts in the Hamtramck Downtown district. Funding for many of the projects will be provided by the federal Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant. Consequently all service providers must have experience with historic renovations and must be familiar with and prepared to work within the guidelines of the Davis Bacon oversight provisions, including but not limited to, prevailing wage.

2. ITEMS TO INCLUDE WITH PROPOSAL

Interested firms must submit a letter of interest and a proposal with the following items:

- Name, office address, phone number and email address and profile of principals, staff and facilities.
- Evidence of registration or license to perform the required services in the State of Michigan.
- Certified statement that firm is not debarred, suspended or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any Federal, State, or local agency.
- Evidence of firm experience in performing similar projects. Projects completed within the last three years are preferred. List projects by name, amount, date of completion, time frame, and description of work and methods. In particular include projects involving historic restoration, federal funding and Davis Bacon/prevaling wage requirements. Please provide a color photograph of the projects before construction began and after the job was completed.
- Availability of firm in terms of a starting date.
- References from similar projects, which have been completed.

3. RESPONSE DUE DATE AND HOUR:

Interested firms/individuals shall respond to the RFQ BY 4:00 P.M. EST ON Monday, February 4, 2013.

Hard Copy Submittals shall be submitted with 3 copies and placed in a sealed envelope clearly labeled as shown below and be delivered to:

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FAÇADE CONTRACTING SERVICES RFQ:
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ARCHITECT SERVICES

Date: January 18, 2013

1. PURPOSE

The Hamtramck Downtown Development Authority is seeking the basic services of qualified, licensed Architect firms or individuals to provide professional services that include design services for the restoration and renovation of facades and storefronts eligible for the Hamtramck Downtown Development Authority Façade Grant Program.

The professional services may include, but not be limited to, the development of preliminary design and concepts and architectural drawings for the restoration and renovation of facades and storefronts in the Hamtramck Downtown district. Other than extenuating circumstances architectural design costs are capped at \$2500 for this program.

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Review: Opinion Page

Religious centers have no place in Hamtramck's business zones

Enough is enough.

Hamtramck is losing valuable real estate to religious institutions. A plan is in the works for a mosque to open on the northwest corner of Jos. Campau and Caniff – the very heart of the city's business district.

There are already two other mosques on the very same block.

Three religious centers on Jos. Campau in a one block area. How in the world did city officials allow this to happen?

Commercial buildings on Jos. Campau should be reserved strictly for businesses. Allowing a religious center to operate in a commercial building means the city cannot collect property taxes.

Hamtramck needs to expand its tax base – not allow it to shrink.

There is also a request to turn a huge building on St. Aubin St. that was formerly used by American Axle into yet another Islamic center.

The Plan Commission has given tentative approval to designate the location of the building from an industrial zone to one that would allow mixed use, including the op-

eration of a religious center.

Have city officials totally given up on attracting economic development? Where is the leadership in this city?

City officials say their hands are tied because of a federal law call the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act.

It's the opinion of local officials that the law forbids communities from restricting religious centers from certain zones.

That's their opinion. Others, such as the Newcomb Law Group, say that was not what the law means and that cities can indeed prohibit religious centers from certain zones, such as commercial zones.

Again, where is the leadership in this city?

Proponents of the St. Aubin Islamic Center claim that it will attract people to move into the city and set up businesses.

If that's true, then Jos. Campau from Caniff to Holmes should be booming with people and businesses. That's where two Islamic centers are located. But guess what? There is nothing going on there.

There is no bustling of peo-

ple. There is no uptick in business.

There is a place for religious centers, and we welcome them to settle in Hamtramck.

But not in our commercial and industrial zones. We need to boost these zones with businesses that will bring in tax money.

Perhaps this development of religious centers locating in commercial zones started with Acts 29, a religious group, being allowed to set up in a former auto dealership on the northend of Jos. Campau.

This is just poor economic development planning, and we as a city need to undo these horrible decisions.

Hamtramck is being denied economic development. Our so-called city leaders have failed us, but that doesn't mean we have to live with this vacuum of leadership.

Allowing a religious center to operate at Jos. Campau and Caniff is beyond awful. This must be stopped. We cannot allow the very heart of Hamtramck's business zone to become a religious center.

What in the world were city officials thinking?

Odds & Ends

Homicide ... Hamtramck experienced its first murder of the year last Saturday night. We could not get a hold of the detective in charge of the case, but this much we know: A husband and wife living in the Col. Hamtramck apartments apparently got into an argument, and the wife ended up shooting her husband.

The wife is in custody. Hopefully we'll have more details next week.

Readers write ... Every once and awhile we get a note from former Hamtramckan Dorothy Fedorczak Adkins, who now lives in Pinckney. She recently mailed a letter wishing us and all of Hamtramck Happy New Year. She also noted that she turned 18 years old 64 years ago on Jan. 18.

And Dorothy is a member of the Hamtramck High School graduating class of 1949. How about that?

Dorothy also has a special message to her fellow students and teachers: "Hello to all from that class, and the teachers who put up with us but taught us well. Thank you all, students and teachers, for being a part of my life."

Thank you, Dorothy, for thinking about all of us, and may this be a very Happy New Year for you as well.

Letters • Letters

Look no further than house on Commor as example of government waste

I was shocked to read last week about the rehabilitation of a house on Commor. Only someone on the receiving end of government largess would think it makes sense spending a quarter of a million to repair a house worth, at best, \$70,000.

The argument that the spending increased the value of homes around it or that somehow was a boost to the local economy isn't supported by fact.

In fact, if the money had been use as it was intended, instead of spending it on a boondoggle benefitting politically-connected hipsters, the federal money could have helped a wider area of the city and employed more people.

Not only does this kind of

mind numbing decision making result in the waste of tax dollars to the benefit a few, connected people, it endangers important programs we need to rebuild our cities. From now on, when we look for waste, fraud and abuse, we need look no further than Commor St.

I was equally shocked that this council, which claims fiscal responsibility, let this pass. I guess they have been too busy counting pennies on the floor to notice the dollars flying out the window.

**Scott Klein
Hamtramck**

(Editor's note: Mr. Klein is a former member of city council.)

Robotics team was a major story last year

Although the success of

the Kosciuszko Middle School Lego Robotics Team was not mentioned in the recent "look back at 2012" article, the team did meet with great success this school year.

They outperformed some of the richest schools in Michigan. In the end, the Kosciuszko Students With Access to Technology Team won fourth place for all of Michigan because of their technology skills, engineering skills, design skills, and problem-solving skills.

They also won a trophy for mechanical design. I could not be more proud of these students. They're innovators. I have personally attended a lot of Lego competitions over the years. I've never known of an academic coach, one like Mike Dobbyn, who has met with so much success! He sets the

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS SIGN MAKERS

Date: January 18, 2013

1. PURPOSE

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The professional services shall include, but not be limited to, the development of preliminary design, concepts and drawings for the restoration and renovation of signs, manufacture and hanging of new signs, restoration and renovation of pre-existing signs and sketches of facades with new signs for review by the State Historic Preservation Office.

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The board meets on the second Wednesday of each month, and the meetings now start at 6:30 p.m. (instead of 6 p.m.).

Letters

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bar high, and his Kosciuszko team regularly exceeds his expectations.

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Brad Alan Neff
Kosciuszko School Media Specialist

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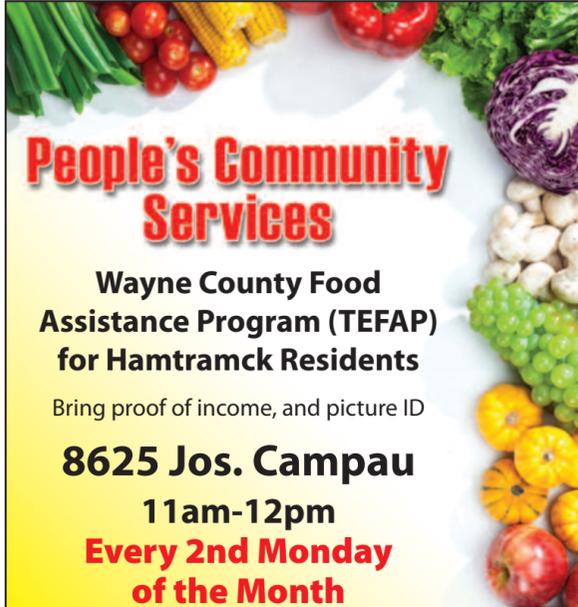
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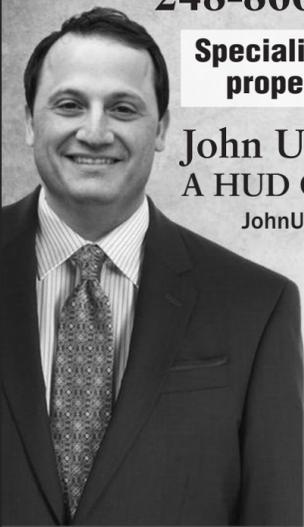
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By Ian Perrotta

This week's Crime Log covers Wednesday, January 9 through Monday, January 14.

Wednesday, January 9

- At 12:44 a.m. a subject was placed under arrest for driving with a suspended license following a traffic stop.
- At 2 a.m. a subject placed under arrest following a traffic investigation.
- At 4:29 a.m. a man was arrested at Jos. Campau and Trowbridge for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated
- At 7:07 a.m. a man reported that an unknown person(s) attempted to steal his 2007 Chrysler Town & Country from the 2300 block of Hewitt.
- At 7:57 a.m. a woman passed fraudulent insurance during a traffic stop at Gallagher and Doremus.
- At 8 a.m. a man reported that an unknown person(s) took two chainsaws out of his Dodge Caravan between 4 p.m. on 1/8 and 7:45 a.m. on 1/9.
- At 8:42 a.m. a man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and not possessing proper insurance after a traffic stop at Charest and Carpenter.
- At 9:02 a.m. a woman reported that an unknown person(s) took her 1998 Chrysler Town & Country.
- At 10:12 a.m. a man reported that an unknown person(s) took his 1994 Dodge Intrepid between 4 p.m. on 1/8 and 9:30 a.m. on 1/9.
- At 11:18 a.m. a man was arrested for a Hamtramck warrant after a traffic stop at Dequindre and Caniff.
- At 11:54 a.m. a woman reported that a white male wearing a red sweatshirt took her purse at Flemming and Commor.
- A traffic accident occurred at Yemans and Jos. Campau.
- At 1:32 p.m. a woman passed fraudulent insurance during a traffic stop at Caniff and Fleming.
- A resident of the 3300 block of Norwalk reported the theft of his white 2004 Buick Rendezvous at 3:34 p.m. The vehicle was left running in front of his residence.
- A traffic accident occurred at Caniff and Conant at 4:20 p.m.
- The family of a 70-year-old white man reported him missing since 10:20 a.m. on this date from the 3000 block of Evaline after he left for a walk. He was last seen wearing a blue coat with a "big zipper," brown sweater and black jeans. He is 5'6" and 128 pounds

with brown hair and brown eyes.

- A Jacob resident reported he was walking at Jacob and Gallagher at 6 p.m. on 1/8/13 when a tall black male, approximately 25 years-old, and about 215 pounds, struck up a conversation. After talking with him the black male then struck him across his right cheek with a fist and stole his iPhone and wallet.
- A resident of the 2300 block of Edwin reported a passenger side window on her 1998 Plymouth was broken out at approximately 9 p.m.
- At 11:50 p.m. an officer verified the return of a missing person.

Thursday, January 10

- At 12:30 a.m. subjects were placed under arrest following a traffic stop
- At 7:15 a.m. a man was arrested for domestic assault in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- At 10:41 a.m. a woman was arrested after a traffic stop at Jos. Campau and Faber.
- A traffic accident occurred at Commor and Mackay.
- At approximately 4:28 p.m. an Oklahoma Street resident came into the station stating a party known to her stole items listed in the report.
- At approximately 5:09 p.m. a party was placed under arrest after a short investigation at Caniff and Klinger.
- At approximately 5:17 p.m. a Grand Haven resident turned over some spent shell casings.
- At approximately 6 p.m. the DPW was called in to clean-up the booking room.

At 11:20 a.m. a business in the 8800 block of Jos. Campau reported the destruction of a front door.

At 1:41 p.m. a man had suspected marijuana on him during a traffic stop at Jos. Campau and Yemans.

At 3 p.m. a Gallagher resident came into the station seeking advice on a missing child. After a brief investigation it was determined not to be a missing child but a custody issue.

At 3:18 p.m. a Florian resident called for assistance with her son. After a brief investigation officers transported the child to children hospital.

At 11:31 p.m. two males were arrested for assault with intent to murder after a male was shot in the hand during an altercation in the 12000 block of Oklahoma.

An unknown vehicle struck a business wall while driving in the alley.

At 12:14 p.m. a McDougall street resident was arrested on a

At 12:19 p.m. a woman re-

ported that her ex-husband tried to break into her house in the 3300 block of Comstock.

At 3:34 a.m. a subject was placed under arrest in the 2200 block of Danforth for domestic violence.

At 4 a.m. a man was arrested at the Livonia Police Department on a Hamtramck warrant.

At 9 a.m. a woman reported that her boyfriend possibly took items out of her house in the 5200 block of Evaline.

At 12 p.m. two men made cross complaints of each making threats against each other.

A Pulaski resident found a purse on her back porch.

At 3:17 p.m. a McDougall resident stated she was assaulted by a black female using a cane in the area of Jos. Campau and Belmont.

At approximately 3:22 p.m. officers were dispatched to the area of Caniff and Conant regarding a female with a knife attempting to kill herself. Officers located the party and after an investigation she was committed.

At approximately 3:20 p.m. a Yemans resident stated an unknown white male broke out his rear driver side window after a brief exchange of words.

At 4:04 p.m. a person was arrested in the 12000 block of Dequindre for assault with intent to murder.

At approximately 4:25 p.m. a Charest resident stated someone broke her antenna and license light sometime in the morning.

At approximately 4:45 p.m. officers were dispatched to the area of Danforth regarding two juveniles with guns. Officers located two parties matching the description and after a investigation arrested them.

At approximately 5:36 p.m. officers arrested a party for breaking out a business window at Jos. Campau and Faber.

At approximately 7:39 p.m. officers were dispatched to Mackay and Botsford where a Zinow resident stated a suspect stole her ring and fled on foot.

At 12:39 a.m. a resident in the 2900 block of Hanley reported the theft of a vehicle parked in front of his residence.

At 2:04 a.m. a Ferndale resident reported her 1999 Chrysler stolen from in front of a building in the 11400 block of Conant.

At 5:29 a.m. a Yemans resident reported that her boyfriend assaulted her and stole her handgun

At 9:21 a.m. a Norwalk resident was committed at Detroit Receiving Hospital Crisis Center.

At 11:19 a.m. a Berkley resident reported that his vehicle was stolen while parked in the 3900 block of Caniff.

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Legal Notice Regarding Zoning

Abdul Motlib, President of Al-Islah Islamic Center, located at 11301 - 11303 Joseph Campau and 2727 Caniff, has made an appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals for variance from the following sections of Zoning Ordinance 497 of the City of Hamtramck:

Section 2. Central Business District (CBD).

VI - 2.06. Site and Structure Requirements.

f.4. Each storefront shall have ground level window openings not less than seventy percent of the façade between two and eight from the ground.

f.9. Upper-story windows that are replaced or exposed shall retain their original size, orientation, and shape so that the configuration of the façade is not changed.

j. Parking shall be permitted in the area of a maximum of thirty-feet off of the rear lot line and behind the main building.

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212 thus affording the opportunity of your input being recorded on this appeal for a modification of zoning on the premises described above. Any variation or modification granted by the Board would have no bearing on private restrictions. You may appear, authorize others to represent you, or you may express your views in writing. Communications must be received before the date of the hearing.

Zoning Board of Appeals

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Hamtramck Income Tax Warrant.

• A resident of the 2300 block of Andrus reported a package stolen off of her porch at approximately 3:30 p.m. on 1/12.

• A Detroit resident reported that she was assaulted by a male named in the report at approximately 3:20 p.m. at Caniff and Jos. Campau.

• A Trowbridge resident was placed under arrest after agents of a business in the 10200 block of Jos. Campau observed him attempt to leave the store without paying for items at 3:54 p.m.

• Detroit Police notified the station of a carjacking that occurred in the 12700 block of Gallagher at approximately 8:10 p.m. A 2001 white Pontiac Montana was taken at gunpoint by two black males with long guns. The vehicle fled into Hamtramck.

• At 9:53 p.m. two parties reported to officers that they had been robbed and assaulted by 4 black males, 1 armed with a shotgun, at the PNC Bank ATM machine. \$500 in cash was taken. All of the suspects were approximately 5'8", approximately 25-30-years old, and all were wearing all black clothing. The crime occurred at 8:30 p.m.

Monday, January 14

• At 12:16 a.m. a woman re-

ported that person(s) unknown attempted to steal her 1997 Jeep Cherokee between 10 p.m. on 1/13/13 and 12 a.m. on 1/14/13 while it was parked in front of a house in the 11400 block of Moran.

• At 12:35 a.m. a different Jeep Cherokee which was parked in the Hamtramck Plaza lot was impounded for safe keeping, after an officer observed that the vehicle had damages consistent with stolen vehicles.

• At 12:47 a.m. officers issued a noise ordinance ticket to a resident in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

• At 1:23 a.m. officers had Hamtramck EMS transport a man from a bar on Jos. Campau to Detroit Receiving Hospital for a possible drug overdose.

• At 7:08 a.m. a resident reported her 2006 Pontiac Grand Prix was stolen from the 2900

block of Lehman.

• At 7:43 a.m. a resident reported his 2004 Chrysler Sebring was stolen from the 2200 block of Norwalk.

• At 10:13 a.m. a Gallagher street resident reported that a DTE account was opened in her juvenile step-daughter's name. A suspect was named in the report.

• At 1:20 p.m. an agent for a business on Jos. Campau reported that a person named in the report paid for items twice with checks that are for an account with insufficient funds.

• At 2:10 p.m. an agent for a restaurant on Jos. Campau reported getting death threats on the telephone from an unknown male.

• A driver was cited for fail to yield pedestrian and failing to stop after he struck a pedestrian at Jos. Campau and Jacob and left the scene at 3:55 p.m. The pedes-

trian was not injured.

• An agent of a business in the 3100 block of Carpenter reported her purse was stolen from a reception area between 1 and 3 p.m.

• A resident from the 11500 block of Fleming reported a suspect named in the report stole his car keys at 6:43 p.m.

• An Edwin resident reported that while walking in the area of Belmont and Brombach at 7 p.m. a red four-door Pontiac with tinted taillights stopped beside him. A black male with a shotgun, approximately 6' tall and 20-years-old, and a black male with a dark mask and pistol, approximately 5'6" and 20-years-old, exited the vehicle and told him to remove his jacket. They then ransacked his pockets and took his black North Face jacket, a Blackberry phone and a house key. The vehicle fled eastbound on Belmont.

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Everyone enjoyed Edna's company, and she is especially missed by her husband of 27 years, Jerry Hart. Jerry recently entered into hospice because of bladder cancer, and his family would appreciate your prayers. Edna is deeply missed by her daughter/best friend, Wendy Couture, who had 44 blessed years with her mom; her grandson, LCPL Mason Couture of the U.S. Marine Corp., who she nurtured into a fine, young man; and best friend, John Ulaq, who she mentored in real-estate since 1999.

God should give Edna her "angel wings", as she undoubtedly earned them for all the goodness and wisdom she shared during her short time on earth. We thank God for the gift of Edna - if not for her, we wouldn't have the memories she etched into our hearts forever.

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