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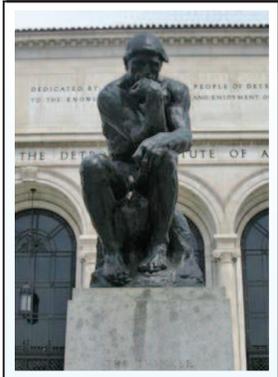
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State rips locals

By Charles Sercombe
A state financial review team didn't mince words in its analysis of the city's financial crisis.

In the team's report to Gov. Rick Snyder, which was released last Thursday, the report laid out the following findings:

- Despite knowing there was a growing budget deficit in the past few years, city officials failed to deal with the problem.



Former City Councilmember John Justewicz addresses the state review team assigned to assess Hamtramck's financial situation.

Quick Hits

If you're trying to navigate your way through summer, it's best to have a MAP.

As part of a partnership between Michigan Libraries and 60 arts and cultural organizations throughout the state, the Hamtramck Public Library is offering residents the opportunity to pick up a Michigan Adventure Pass (MAP).

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For a searchable list of all participating locations visit <http://tinyurl.com/michigan-activitypass>. And if you don't have access to the internet or a computer, you can always visit the Hamtramck Public Library at 2360 Caniff. For more information call (313) 365-7050.

Dickinson East has something extra to celebrate this year

By Charles Sercombe

Dickinson East Elementary School is 100 years old this year, and what better way to celebrate that amazing milestone than to hold a multicultural celebration?

Actually, the school has been holding an annual multicultural talent show for several years – and it is

truly a reflection of the school's rich ethnic diversity.

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Students at Dickinson East Elementary School performed their annual multicultural show last week, which was also a celebration of the school's 100th anniversary.

Volunteers needed for a 'Labor' of love



By Robert Taylor
Special to The Review

It's never too early to start thinking about the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival.

There's plenty to organize. The events that fill the weekend festival must be planned, the vendors that fill your stomach must be booked, and the volunteers that make it all possible must be coordinated.

That's where you come in.

You may not have noticed it before, but the Labor Day Festival is put on almost entirely by volunteers. From staffing information booths to pouring drinks at the beer tent, volunteers have their hands in just about everything. They even have their hands in the air – directing you where to park.

Festival organizers are currently recruiting people to

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"... It appears that the city's worsening financial condition was obvious to city officials, but that they were either unwilling or incapable of taking resolute action to address the matter," the report said.

- A recent deficit elimination plan was "unrealistic" and still failed to address \$1.7 million in overspending in the budget. (Editor's note: state officials have just OK'd

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the plan, according to Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag.)

• To deal with the cash-flow problem, city officials dipped into other funds, such as the street repair fund, and borrowed over \$500,000. At the same time, the city withheld over \$2 million in payments to the pension fund.

It wasn't all financially-related.

• The review team lashed out at the council – and mayor – for being “dysfunctional.”

“While several City Councilmembers we interviewed seemed individually knowledgeable regarding the city's financial condition, the members of that body seemed unable to function collectively in a coherent manner,” the report said.

The team further said:

“The Review Team was informed that City Council meetings are chaotic, protracted, and produce little in the way of tangible results. In such an environment, rational financial management is not likely to be forthcoming.”

As for the mayor, the team said:

“While the mayor is sepa-

rationally elected, the office is so inextricably linked to the City Council as to be part of the local governing body. For example, the mayor attends City Council meetings and is responsible for presiding at them.”

• With that in mind, the team said that even if the financial crisis is turned around, there needs to be protracted supervision of the city – especially since this is the second time the city has turned to the state for help.

• Another area of mismanagement cited were the wages paid to police officers and firefighters. The report said that Hamtramck police officers earn \$10,000 more than Flint officers, who patrol a city much larger than Hamtramck with a population of five times the size.

As for firefighters, they received a 16 percent salary increase despite shrinking revenues.

Not surprisingly, the team concluded that there is a financial crisis in Hamtramck.

Hamtramck officials can dispute the findings, but that appears unlikely since the council asked for state inter-

vention months ago.

However, that doesn't mean all city council members agreed with the findings.

Councilmember Cathie Gordon was the most outspoken in her assessment of the review.

“I take very great offense to this,” Gordon said.

Gordon said that city officials asked for advice a few years ago from the state, but all the city got was a “generic list of things to do.”

And, she stressed, the state reduced financial aid to the city in recent years, which exacerbated the city's financial crisis.

“They (the state) are the reason we're in the situation we're in,” she said. “And they wonder why we're in a problem?”

Councilmember Robert Zwolak said the review team failed to note that not all councilmembers – himself included – agreed to the budgets that were passed.

“There were serious omissions,” he said about the report.

Zwolak said a number of votes on spending decisions were split. He said he consistently urged the council to start making cuts.

Mayor Karen Majewski was less critical.

“Some of the findings and explanations were pretty damning,” she said. “In some cases it was fair, in some cases not fair.”

Gov. Snyder has until early next week to decide whether to act on the review team's findings. City officials say they expect the governor to agree that there is indeed a financial emergency.

If that's the case, the council has several options, including accepting an emergency manager. Since a majority of the council has already asked for an emergency manager, that's the likely action to come.

How soon, however, is another question.

Volunteers needed for a ‘Labor’ of love Continued from front page

volunteer for this year's festival, which runs from Aug. 31 to Sept. 2. Konrad Maziarz, Co-Chairman of the

Hamtramck Labor Day Festival Committee, said there are still a number of ways people can help out and that he is optimistic the necessary volunteers will turn up.

“One of the reasons why I love Hamtramck is that whenever the city has a need, the community always steps up and helps out,” he said.

Interested in volunteering at the Labor Day Festival? Contact the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival Committee – it's just a few locals, don't be shy – through their Facebook page (just search Hamtramck Labor Day Festival), or by email at HamtramckLaborDayFestival@gmail.com. There is no deadline to sign up and volunteers are accepted any time, any day.

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Math Kangaroo Club - Tuesday, June 4 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.

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Basic Computer Class - Thursday, June 6 at 11:30

a.m. This week's class is on basic computer usage, Internet searches, e-mail and word processing. Registration is required, and new students are welcome.

Basic ESL Class - Thursday, June 6 at 11:30 a.m. Basic ESL class conducted by Ms. Latisha is free to the public (registration required).

ESL Class with Latisha - Friday, June 7 at 3:30 p.m. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Latisha is free to the public.

Library Gardening Club - Friday, June 7 at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the library gardening club, with activities in the library community garden. Each week we will do a project in the garden and provide each member with a chance to get their own gardening plot, and grow vegetables, herbs or flowers to their liking. For more information see Ania or Kate.

Family Story Time for Children - Thursday, June 13, at 5 a.m. Join your friends at the library for a reading of a story book for children. This week's topic is "Music Around the World."

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

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

Common Word Alliance Meeting - Monday, June 24 at 7 p.m. In June, the monthly meeting of the Common Word Alliance of Hamtramck will be held in the library.

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

Second Front Page

For some, Memorial Day has a special meaning



Hamtramck veterans, family members and friends take part in Monday's Memorial Day ceremony at St. Lad's. Afterward (lower right) attendees went to PLAV Post 10 for a lunch.

By Charles Sercombe

Most folks in Hamtramck and nationwide enjoyed last Monday's day off from work.

But for a handful of residents, the day wasn't just about kicking up their heels and relaxing. Memorial Day for these folks is not something to celebrate, but rather commemorate.

Memorial Day is the day we honor our nation's service men and women who sacrificed their lives to protect our freedoms. For most people, it means an extra day in the weekend to barbecue and drink beer.

Hamtramck has a long tradition of its men and women serving their country. In World War II the city paid a high price, losing a disproportionate number of residents in

that war.

As the years have gone by, the number of veterans has dwindled down to a handful. Each year, we continue to lose more and more veterans.

Maybe that's why Monday's ceremony at St. Lad's struck a different tone than in previous years. The circle of vets and their families and friends gets smaller and smaller.

"Today is the day of collective remembrance," said Mayor Karen Majewski at the ceremony.

And in honor of the dead, she said, we all need to "focus on service" to our country.

Afterwards, it was off to PLAV Post 10 for camaraderie, sloppy joes and drinks.



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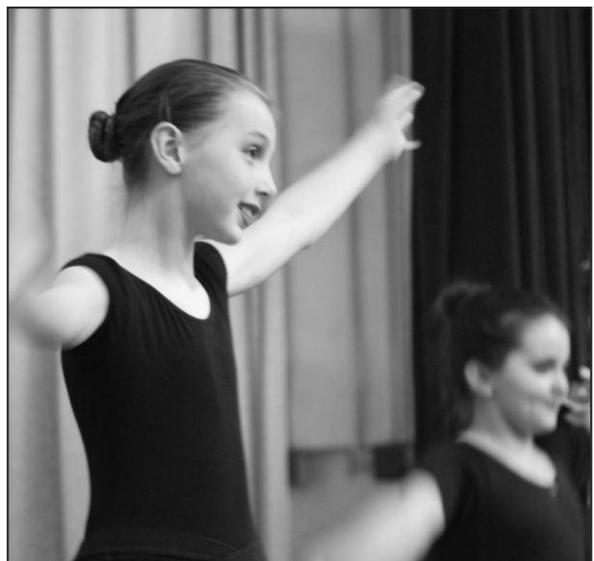
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Hamtramck Public Schools has about a dozen ethnicities represented in the student body. Some of the students performed folk dances native to where their families came from at last week's multicultural show at Dickinson East Elementary School.

Block Club Corner ...

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 Where: People's Senior Center, 2339 Caniff St.
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Hamtramck Heights Neighborhood Association (4Cs Block Club) Meeting
 When: First Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
 Where: Hamtramck Community Center (11350 Charest St.)
 For: residents that live between Caniff and Carpenter and between Conant and Jos. Campau

East Side Block Club Meeting
 When: Second Monday of every month, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
 Where: Our Lady Queen of Apostles Activity Center
 For: residents that live East of Conant.

Midtown Block Club Meeting
 When: Third Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
 Where: St Florian 2626 Poland Street
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Review: Opinion Page

Preserving housing stock is the city's responsibility

Sometimes in Hamtramck it's two steps forward and one step back.

Such was the case a couple of weeks ago when a toughened up ordinance was presented to the city council to help preserve the city's rental housing stock. The new ordinance would have required homeowners who live in a house with a rental dwelling to have that dwelling inspected.

The point was to make sure that all potential rental dwellings meet the bare minimum housing codes.

But there were some on city council who didn't like that idea.

Councilmember Anam

Miah took the lead on this issue, and rejected that requirement for fear that it would place a financial hardship on homeowners. Normally we agree with Miah on issues, but on this one we beg to differ.

Miah suggested that if homeowners use their additional rental dwellings for the immediate family to live in, no inspection should be required.

While that may be the popular thing to do, it's not the right thing. Why in the world would anyone allow their family members to live in potentially sub-standard housing?

And if you can't afford to

fix up your house, why are you a homeowner to begin with?

Owning a home has a number of responsibilities, and one of the key responsibilities is being able to bring it up to code.

Hamtramck needs to preserve and improve its housing stock. That's one of the reasons this city is attractive to live in. Making exceptions to that rule is merely pandering to voters.

Doing the responsible thing as a city official is showing leadership – and sometimes leadership isn't the most popular thing to do.

Trish Astrology

ARIES (Mar 21-April 19):

“Never place friendship above profit,” say the Ferengi, Star-Trek's race of über-capitalist aliens. Look for ways to combine friendship and profit Aries. If we think the two are mutually exclusive, don't let the folks who came up with Facebook know.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

Venus rules love and money, but at heart, what Venus rules is our value system. Nothing demonstrates our values as clearly as what and who we're willing to spend money on. Hopefully the one we're spending our cold, hard cash on is grateful for having made the cut.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

“There's a very fine line,” says Maya Angelou, “between loving life and being greedy for it.” Stars say we're taking an “all you can eat,” sign too literally Gem. Metaphorically speaking we

mean.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Modern day writers experience the contradiction between there being both a high demand for writing, and a glut of it. Figuring out how to respond when we're both in demand but taken for granted is the current task. Maybe we should start a blog about it.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22):

The least visited U.S. National Park is Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve in Alaska. A grand total of nineteen people visited this park in 2012. Stars say a lack of visitors is not our problem at this time Leo. The tents they're setting up in our backyard may be.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22):

The difference between Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn is that Tom is a politician: good acts are his attention getting device, whereas Huck does

good even when there's nothing in it for him. We're going to get attention for something this week Virgo, so may as well be political about it.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22):

Travel guidebooks say useful words to know are, “hotel,” “hello,” and “toilet.” But wouldn't it'd be better to just learn “beer,” in every language and mime the rest? Communicating with foreigners is on the agenda, even if we also call them family.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21):

“If you want to recapture your youth,” notes Al Bernstein, “just cut off his allowance.” If challenges to shared resources have us feeling like throwing a tantrum Scorpio, check to make sure we're the adult in the picture. If we are, success comes from acting the part.

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City Hall Insider ...

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

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on May 14, and all councilmembers were in attendance.

During the public portion of the meeting, a resident warned against allowing a merger with Highland Park's Public Safety Department.

“That could be the worst possible thing,” he said.

Russ Gordon said he's shooting for Flag Day to show off the acquisition of 18 new flags that represent Hamtramck's ethnic communities.

A public hearing was held on a proposed ordinance to require a newly bought home to first go through an inspection before anyone can occupy it.

Hillary Cherry spoke out against the ordinance, saying many people who purchase a house make renovations as they live in the house.

“I'd rather have a person live in a house next to me than it be empty,” Cherry said.

Susan Dunn disagreed, saying some people move into houses that are in “unbelievable condition.”

In a proposal to set up a cricket field in Veterans Park, Councilmember Robert Zwolak questioned whether it fits in with the city's Master Plan for development. Councilmember Anam Miah said the city has discussed this proposal “numerous, numerous times” and called for a vote.

“If someone has something to say, don't beat around the bush,” Miah added.

Zwolak said he has a right to ask questions.

All councilmembers voted in favor of the cricket field.

(A \$10,000 grant from Wayne County will be used to create the field.)

In a vote to OK international flags to be hung on the city's flagpoles along Jos. Campau, Councilmem-

ber Zwolak proposed requiring that an American flag also be placed on each pole.

Russ Gordon, an organizer of the project, said there is not enough money to purchase more flags. He said that American flags will fly on the first two poles at Jos. Campau and Caniff.

The council agreed to the project with only Councilmember Zwolak voting in opposition.

Jason Friedmann, the city's Director of Community & Economic Development, proposed hiring Zachary & Associates to draw up a plan on how to market and sell 400 city-owned lots.

The company will perform the work for money left over from another project it was already paid for.

Councilmember Miah said he is against paying the company to perform the job. It was explained again to him that the city has a credit left over from a previous project.

Miah insisted that Friedmann should do the work. Friedmann had previously explained that the company is an expert in this field of work.

Friedmann also said that since the company was paid through a grant for a previous project that ran under budget the city can't get a reimbursement. Miah said if that's the case, then he's in favor of using the company.

Councilmember Abdul Al-gazali asked whether people

living next to the lots will get the first option to purchase them.

Mayor Karen Majewski pointed out that question has nothing to do with the proposal of whether to hire the company.

All councilmembers voted in favor of hiring the company.

A lengthy discussion was held on whether to adjust the city's contract with its sanitation service.

Acting City Manager Tertzag said that in exchange for lowering its costs by 10 percent, the company, Rizzo, is demanding that separate yard waste collection be eliminated.

The plan would be for households to combine their regular garbage with yard waste.

Rizzo also wants to be able to bid 1 percent lower than whoever wins the next bid for sanitation service.

Councilmember Tom Jankowski objected to the new contract conditions because it includes a 5 percent penalty fee if the city is late in making its monthly payment.

The city typically pays \$60,000 a month, and Jankowski said the penalty fee would amount to \$3,000.

He said any new contract should not include a penalty fee. After more discussion, the council decided to hold off on making a decision.

Obituaries

OSINSKI

Melodie Ann Osinski, 50, died May 27, 2013.

Mrs. Osinski is survived by her husband, Leo A.; daughter, Megan V.; brothers, Keith (Joyce) Nunley, David (Lisa) Nunley; many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is Friday, May 31,

from 1 to 9 p.m., International Order of Alhambra Rosary at 7 p.m., at Jurkiewicz and Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck. In state Saturday, June 1, 9:30 a.m., until time of Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Ladislaus Church, 2700 Caniff, Hamtramck. Interment is at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

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Horizon High School will hold exams on June 12 and 13.

Hamtramck High School and Kosciuszko Middle School exams will be June 12-14. There will be half days for

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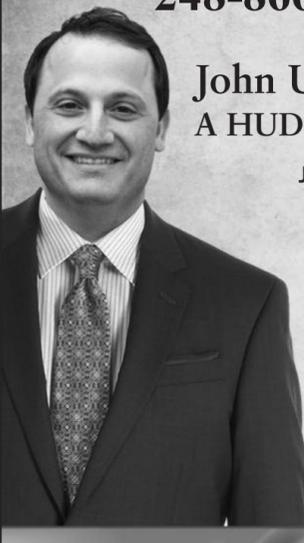
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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers May 23 through May 28.

Thursday, May 23

- At about 11:30 p.m., a person reported his 10-speed bike was stolen in the 2100 block of Caniff by an unknown male wearing a white T-shirt.
- A few minutes past midnight, four teens were arrested for violating the city's curfew.
- At about 3:30 a.m., a resident in the 3100 block of Jacob reported damage to his car's front window and the front window of his residence.

Friday, May 24

- A little while later, a resident on the 3200 block of Jacob reported damage to the front window of his house.
- At almost 5 p.m., a person reported someone broke into his house in the 1300 block of Lumpkin and stole items.
- At around 9:30 p.m. a male was arrested in the 2700 block of Florian St. for breaking and entering and obstructing officers. Police said a neighbor called them to report a suspicious male attempting to enter the residence.

Saturday, May 25

- At about 3 p.m. a woman reported that someone broke into her house in the 2300 block of Danforth.
- At 4 p.m. a woman reported that several juveniles damaged the side of her house in the 2900 block of Hanley St.

Sunday, May 26

- Officers transported a child to Children's Hospital after becoming violent.
- At about 5 a.m. officers were forced to kill what was described as a vicious pit bull who charged at officers. The dog was found in the 12000 block of Lumpkin St. The initial complaint about the dog was for its non-stop barking.
- At about 8 p.m. a man reported being assaulted by four black juveniles while in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau. The man said the youths stole his phone and were last seen running westbound on Danforth St.
- A pedestrian was struck by a car at Edwin and Conant. The driver, however, drove off without stopping.
- Another driver, however, was arrested at Lumpkin and Commor for a hit and run accident involving a pedestrian.

Monday, May 27

- Officers transported a pit bull to the Humane Society. No other information was available.
- At 1:30 a.m. two black males attempted to steal a car from a residence in the 5200 block of Yemans St.
- At 5 a.m. a woman was arrested for drunk driving

for stealing a bag of chips.

- A little after 10 a.m., a woman reported that three men broke into her 2010 Chrysler Town & Country in a parking lot at 11410 Charest. The woman said the vehicle's navigation system was taken.
- At about 2 p.m., a woman reported her ex-boyfriend, with whom she has a child, assaulted her. The woman said she was burned with an iron. During the investigation, the suspect returned to the residence and he was then arrested.

Tuesday, May 28

- While responding to a possible break-in at a business located in the 11500 block of Conant, officers observed a man leave the scene. Officers said it was unknown to them if the man had caused apparent damage to the door of the business.
- A juvenile was taken to a hospital after threatening to harm herself.
- While in Hamtramck 31st District Court, two men submitted fraudulent proof of car insurance to the city attorney.
- A man reported that his son ran away from home five days earlier.
- A man living in the 11300 block of Lumpkin reported someone broke into his garage.
- A couple living in the 11400 block of Mitchell reported someone broke into their home between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.
- A woman reported receiving harassing communications.
- Two kids reported two males stole their bikes while at 9028 Jos. Campau. Officers searched the area and found the suspects. They were arrested.

while at Caniff and Dyar.

- At 10:30 a.m. a woman reported she was assaulted on Sunday at Pulaski Park. She knew the name of the attacker but it was not released.
- A Lehman St. resident was arrested at 10:22 a.m. for attempted robbery at Payless Shoe store on Jos. Campau.
- A woman living in the 12000 block of Grand Haven St. reported that a person tried to run her over, but missed and then struck a gas meter. A gas leak then erupted. The Fire Department was called to take care of the leak.
- At 3:30 p.m. a wallet was found in the 11000 block of Gallagher, and it was returned to its owner.
- At about 2 p.m. a woman reported her 2000 Chrysler Town & Country was stolen in the 2000 block of Belmont.

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New business turns to social media for funding

By Ian Perrotta

What do you do when you have a dream but no way to pay for it? Ask for help from your friends.

That's exactly what Nikita Sanches of the soon-to-open Rock City Eatery did. Though he may have fallen short of his \$35,000 fundraising goal, the business did get a cash infusion to the tune of \$6,637.

The money will go toward re-amping the site of Rock City Eatery (located in the same spot as the former Maria's Comida restaurant at 11411 Jos. Campau) to make it fully functional for Sanches' purposes.

"The concept for the restaurant is that it's going to be small menu with seasonal ingredients and global influences, and of course there's going to be pie," said Sanches in his video on the fundraising website Indiegogo. "We're going to try and make all our ingredients

from scratch."

After working in the food industry over the last decade, Sanches started his own company called Nikita Sanches Catering and quickly found success — especially with his pies. From there a stint in the Rust Belt Market and a finalist position in Comerica's Hatch Detroit 2012 competition sealed the deal in proving that Rock City could be a viable business.

"I cannot wait to merge my true culinary passions with the Rock City Pies business that I have worked so hard to cultivate," says Sanches. "It will be a full-scale dining experience and Rock City Pies wholesale warehouse."

Rock City Eatery is slated to open sometime later this summer. Keep an eye on The Review for more information about this business and other exciting ventures opening up in the city of Hamtramck.

Metro news ...

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

With their permission, here is an edited version of this week's story:

Meijer has begun the process of hiring 400 people for its new store in Detroit at the southeast corner of Woodward Avenue and 8 Mile Road.

The Grand Rapids-based big-box retailer is anchoring the Gateway Marketplace development on 36 acres near the State Fairgrounds. The Meijer Supercenter will offer the company's normal retail and grocery options, making it one of the first big, brand-name supermarkets to open a full-size store in the Motor City in years.

"This is basically our standard, full-size supercenter,"

says Frank Guglielmi, director of public relations for Meijer. He adds the 190,000-square-foot store will also offer a gas station, drive-thru pharmacy and a garden center. It will be open between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m., which is the normal hours for its urban locations.

Meijer will employ about 400 people at the store with about 30-40 percent of them working on a full-time basis. The hiring of those employees will begin this spring and continue through the summer. It is set to open late this summer. Meijer is working with Detroit Employment Solutions Corp through Michigan Works!, the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (commonly known as ACCESS), Second Ebenezer Church in partnership with Perfecting Church and the Arab American and Chaldean Council.

"We're talking about everything from cashiers to cake decorators to meat cutters," Guglielmi says. "The level of pay depends on their level of experience."

Writer: Jon Zemke

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Trish Astrology

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): A partner needs extra attention Sadge. We are allowed to remind them that pouting and throwing their toys is not the best way to get it.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): "Let us do our best," wrote Capricorn Henry Miller, "even if it gets us nowhere." This is either a Capricorn's attitude or motto, and which one it is determines whether we're a grumpy or happy Cappy. More so at some moments than others, and this is one of those more so moments.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): Ben Franklin said that happiness is release from pain, from which it follows that happiness depends on suffering. Leave it to a Capricorn to find enjoyment in suffering. Stars say we find enjoyment in enjoyment this week Aquarius. When we're not finding it in suffering that is.

PISCES (Feb 19-March 20): "We have met the enemy, and they are us!" exclaimed Pogo famously. We find ourselves in the odd position of calling a truce with

someone who is on our side Pisces. If people ask us why we're carrying a white flag around, just tell them it's so we can be at peace with ourselves.

Trish Marie is a writer and astrologer based in Michigan. If it's written in the stars, she can read it. Connect with her at Trish Marie Astrology, on the web and Facebook.



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