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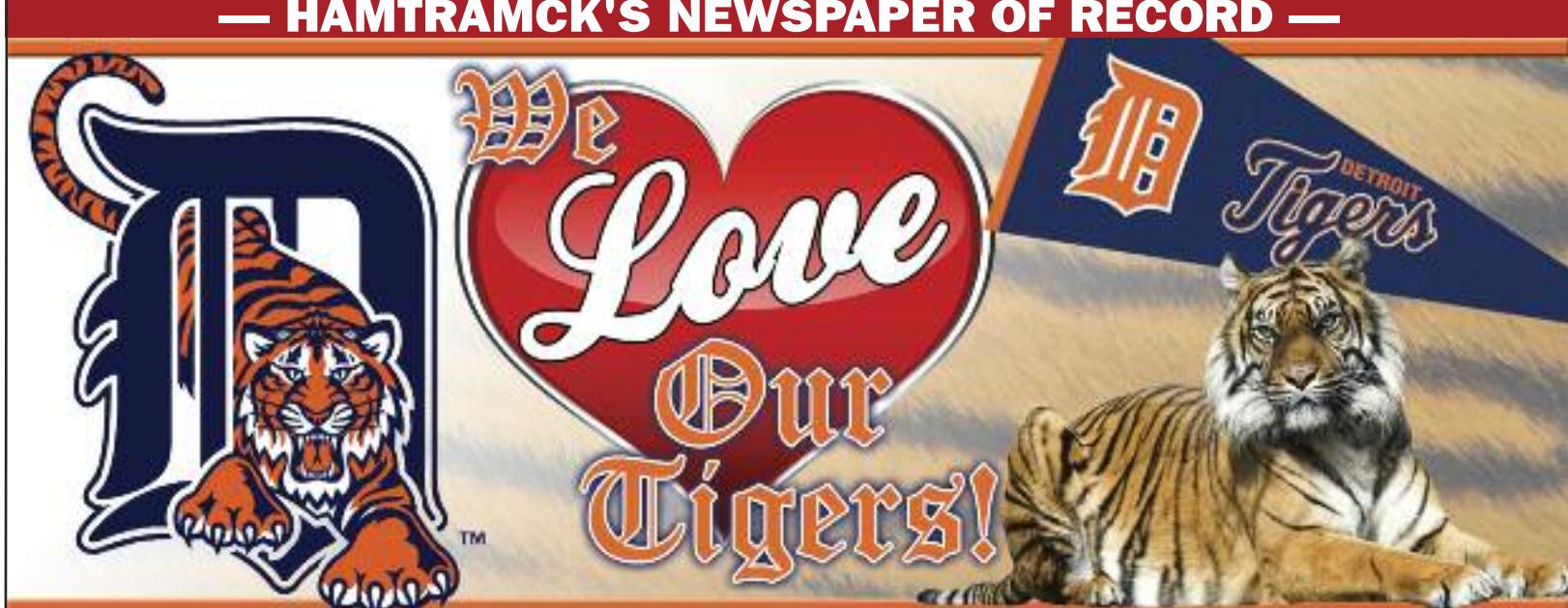
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Quick Hits

Go Tigers!

Well, we hope they still have somewhere to go. Since we went to press on Thursday afternoon, we don't know if the Tigers were able to hang on and continue the series.

But if they didn't, wow, what a ride it's been.

No matter what, our Tigers were winners this season, and Detroit received a lot of love this summer.

And what about those Lions? What in the world?

All we need now is for the Red Wings and Pistons to step up.

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 aligns us as a progressive voice for cities, gets us in the door of the governor's office and the legislature, not just as another city, but as the city that's the spokesperson for ALL our cities."

At Friendship House, concern grows over food cut

By Charles Sercombe

For Debbie Neal, it's going to be a difficult choice if the monthly Friendship House food pantry closes down.

"I'll have to do without. It's either medicine or food," she said.

That decision may have to come soon if Friendship House's pleas to supporters and other food banks go unanswered.

"If no money comes in for the holidays," said Kim Ulasevics of Friendship House, "we'll have to close."

Last week, the organization received a phone call from a local official from the state Department of Human Services, who said state funding had been cut off for all food pantries throughout the state.

That call came a day before state funding was supposed to be renewed for the year. Friendship House had been receiving \$12,240 a year, which was used to purchase food from other pantries at a discount.

It had been receiving the

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A client (left) with Friendship House receives a cart-full of food during the monthly food pantry give-away. The state recently cut funding that was used to purchase food at a discount.

Mayor gets tapped for top position in MML

By Charles Sercombe

Mayor Karen Majewski better rest up and get ready to spend some time on the road.

Besides holding down a full-time job and attending numerous meetings as mayor, Majewski now has another job: She has just been named president of the Michigan Municipal League.

The MML is a powerful non-



Karen Majewski

partisan organization in the state that advocates on the behalf of communities, especially by keeping a sharp lookout on legislation winding through the state legislature that might have an adverse effect on cities.

We got the mayor to spend a few minutes and discuss – through e-mail – what this appointment is all about, as well

as some of the issues the MML is facing and what her appointment might mean to Hamtramck.

Here is what our mayor had to say:

"My duties as MML President include presiding over meetings of the Board of Trustees, sitting on various

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**A case of
murder or
self-defense?**

By Charles Sercombe

The circumstances behind the grizzly death of a 24-year-old man last Saturday morning are still unclear.

But this much we do know: Hamtramck police are still seeking charges for four suspects in connection with the murder of Joseph King of Detroit. King bled to death on Conant Ave. after his throat had been slashed.

Police are not releasing the names of the suspects until they are charged. The suspects had been held in custody over the weekend, but police were forced to release them on Monday because the law requires charges to be filed within 72 hours.

As the days go by, it's becoming less clear whether the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office will authorize any charges.

According to friends and supporters of the suspects, it was King who was the aggressor, and the suspects acted in self-defense.

Detective John Aiello said he's heard a lot of speculation from friends of the suspects but cautioned: "You have to take it with a grain of salt."

According to police, the four suspects had left Small's Bar when they encountered King. Police say a fight broke out that involved knives. Police would not comment on how the inci-

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committees, presiding over the annual convention and capital conference, testifying as needed before the state legislature on issues relevant to cities and villages, participating in other public events and media opportunities on behalf of Michigan's municipalities, attending yearly regional meetings throughout Michigan and anything else the MML staff asks me to do in advocacy for our cities. As President, I also attend the National League of Cities' two

yearly events (including a convention in Phoenix next month)

"My term lasts one year. Last year I served as vice president, which involved some of the same duties - testifying, sitting on committees, making public statements, serving on the Board of Trustees. The vice president always becomes the president, so you get some practical experience in the year before your presidency."

"The MML is recognized as one of the most active and progressive of the state municipal leagues. Our staff, with offices in Lansing and Ann Arbor, is also recognized for their skillful and successful advocacy in Lansing.

"We have a good relationship with Gov. Snyder, which is one of the reasons the new Emergency Financial Manager law was modified from the governor's original version.

"The reductions in revenue sharing were modified and his financial requirements were made more city-friendly.

"Act 312 (Editor's note: This refers to the grievance procedure for public employee

unions.) was modified to reflect the changes that for decades cities had been calling for.

"The MML has been able to exert a lot influence in Lansing, and as bad as things seem, if you remember they were supposed to be much worse. In the coming year we'll have a BIG fight on our hands, over the elimination of personal property tax.

"We've been working on that message for awhile now, and things will probably be coming to a head in the next year."

"The importance of the MML as an influence on state-wide policies and priorities puts Hamtramck in a prominent and respected position in the coming year."

"This is especially important when some people are asking why we should even exist. It aligns us as a progressive voice for cities, gets us in the door of the governor's office and the legislature, not just as another city, but as the city that's the spokesperson for ALL our cities."

"Personally, I think that may have been part of the unspo-

ken strategy that helped put me in this position - it's a little harder to dismiss us as expendable when we are the voice for everyone."

"Also, the MML has formulated a model set of policies for 21st century cities that's focused on place-making, with qualities like walkability, diversity, public transportation, arts and culture oriented development, etc. at the forefront, and Hamtramck is a perfect example of that model of urban vitality."

"So, with Hamtramck at the head of the MML, we have a lot of visibility and increased legitimacy, not to mention the opportunity to continue to work with the MML to advocate for policies and legislation that reflects our issues and our needs."

"Even when the year of my presidency is done, our influence will stay strong in the organization, because past presidents participate in board meetings, are still called on to testify, and serve on certain committees. Those relationships also continue, even when past presidents no

longer serve in public office.

"One thing I've been disappointed about is that our newest batch of councilmembers haven't been attending the MML conferences and educational workshops."

"In any profession, one of the most important things you have to do is join your professional organizations, meet the people who work in the same field you do, form relationships with your colleagues, continue learning about current developments, get ideas from what your colleagues are doing, and work for the betterment of your profession."

"With the exception of Councilmember Catrina Stackpoole, none of the current councilmembers seem to understand these basic principles and strategies of professional development, which has been quite frustrating for me."

"We have this opportunity to make Hamtramck one of Michigan's important voices for cities. I would hate for that to fade away."

Injuries cripple Cosmos chance to hold back Westland

By David Piestrzynski
Special to The Review

To say the least, this season's Homecoming game didn't go as expected for Hamtramck's Cosmos.

A series of injuries to key players, and some missed first half scoring opportunities, resulted in a 35-6 loss to Macomb Lutheran Westland last Friday.

Hamtramck's offense moved the ball efficiently throughout the first half, but was unable to capitalize until Senior Deantre

Teat scored on a 72-yard touchdown catch just before the break.

The Cosmos were unable to find the end zone after that.

"This one really just got away from us," said Leo Wells, Hamtramck's head football coach. "We probably should've done more in the first half, but we let some opportunities slip through our fingers."

The second half was filled with misfortune for the Cosmos.

Junior wide receiver and defensive back Wontay Jackson, who had more than 150 rushing yards and two touchdowns for the Cosmos the previous week, left the game with an ankle injury.

Hamtramck also lost Junior running back Kevin Bell to injury, along with a pair of starting offensive linemen.

With only 17 players dressed for the game, Wells said the injuries were difficult to overcome.

"We aren't a deep team," he said. "We had about 10 guys who played every minute, so by

the end we were pretty banged up."

Hamtramck's defense held its opponent to just one first half touchdown but, following the injuries, Westland was able to score 28 points after the break.

The loss drops the Cosmos to 2-5 overall, with two games remaining.

Hamtramck plays its final home game of the season this Friday, Oct. 14 at Keyworth Stadium against Saginaw Buena Vista. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

The season finale is Oct. 21 against Bradford Academy, with the game being played at Livonia Clarenceville High School.

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Story Time for Children - Saturday, October 15, at noon. All children are invited for a reading of a book by Deborah Diesen, "The Barefooted, Bad Tempered Baby Brigade."

Teen Club Meeting - Monday, October 17 at 3:30 p.m. Teens are invited to participate in club activities and fall season workshop: decorating caramel apples. Registration is required, space is limited.

Computer Classes for Advanced Users - Tuesday, October 18 at 11 a.m. Adults with basic computer skills can enhance their computer literacy each Monday at the library. Number of participants is limited to available computers.

Math Club Meeting - Tuesday, October 18 at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Nuo is the instructor for the math club and math tutoring.

ESL Conversation Group - Tuesday, October 18 at 4:30 p.m. Conversation sessions with Ms. Trisa for advanced ESL students are free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

ESL Class with Ms. Templin - Wednesday, October 19 at noon. Christine Templin is the instructor for the ESL class for beginners. Everyone is invited. Free to the public.

Halloween Library Decorations - Wednesday, October 19 at 3:30 p.m. Students are invited to participate in decorating the Library for the Halloween.

Computer Classes for Beginners - Thursday, October 20 at noon and 1 p.m. Basic instructions on computer use for beginners will be held on Wednesdays. Number of participants is limited to available computers.

Family Game Night - Thursday, October 20, at 5 p.m. Join your friends and family members in friendly skill and knowledge games. This month the featured game is BINGO.

Friends of the Library Meeting - Thursday, October 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.

ESL News for You - Friday, October 21 at 3:30 p.m. ESL reading and discussion class with Latisha Edge. Free to the public.

Financial Activists Club - Friday, October 21 at 3:30 p.m. If you want to expand your knowledge of budgeting and investing, play financial literacy games and learn how to grow your money, join the club. It is free of charge.

Cooking and Nutrition Class #4 - Friday, October 21 at 10 a.m. Gleaners Food Bank is sponsoring cooking and nutrition classes taught by a chef and dietitian at the Library. Classes are free to the public. Sessions last two hours.

Story Time for Children - Saturday, October 22, at noon. All children are invited for reading of a book by Steven Schnur, "Autumn, an Alphabet Acrostic."

ESL Class with Christine Templin - Saturday, October 22 at noon. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Christine Templin. Free to the public.

Toddler Time - Monday, October 24 at noon. Children ages 2 to 5 are invited to join us in a celebration of the fall season, with short stories, songs and arts and crafts activities. (Must be accompanied by an adult.)

Screening of Polish Movie "POGARDA" - Thursday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited for premier screening of Polish movie "POGARDA." Admission is free, refreshments will be served.

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, November 10 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

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School board candidates talk about issues facing the district

By Charles Sercombe

A few weeks ago, we mailed out surveys to all seven school board candidates running for two seats on the board.

Their election is on Nov. 8, the same ballot in which voters will be asked to choose three City Council candidates from a field of six.

This week, we will start off with candidates Eric Burkman, Nasr Saleh Hussain and Darla Swint.

Name: Eric Burkman

Age: 10 years older than the average ACT score among Hamtramck HS students

Education: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Occupation: Director, Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition

Why are you running for school board?

I am running for Board of Education to make a difference in students' lives, so that they may become healthy and vibrant participants in our community.

Since moving to Hamtramck in 2009 I have gotten to know the community and its many stakeholders. My position as Director of the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition has allowed me to work extensively with students, staff, and administrators in the schools, and these talented and dedicated individuals have moti-

vated me to run for office so that I may empower them to achieve the change they envision for a brighter future.

What experience do you bring to this position?

Having worked as a community organizer in Hamtramck for two years, I am experienced in bringing diverse organizations and stakeholders to the table to achieve a common goal for community improvement.

The Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition, as part of the federal Strategic Planning Framework, is expected to maintain representation from each of twelve community sectors.

Though it can sometimes be difficult to achieve support from busy professionals and large organizations, the coalition has seen great success in engaging those individuals to support our mission. Hamtramck Public Schools is also able to enhance its mission through the support of these groups. Schools and communities work best when everyone comes together to support achievement, and this is evident in the work I have done with expanding the capacity of the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition.

What are some of the primary issues facing the district, and what do you propose to do about them?

Two primary issues that seem to be on everyone's mind are student achievement and enrollment. Many feel that those issues even feed into each other, with seemingly more and more students leaving the district for charter schools where "achievement is higher."

In fact, student achievement at most Hamtramck Public Schools, according to state benchmarks, exceeds or is inline with comparable charters; it is widely community misconception that charters provide a higher-level education than public schools, insofar as state benchmarks can measure.

With this in mind, I would add a third aspect to the argument: facilities development. The district's outdated facilities pale in comparison to brand new charters opening up with beautiful buildings that are designed for state-of-the-art learning. Many suburban districts fund a "development department" to seek out donations, grant funding, and corporate sponsorship for district events.

Perhaps with a strong facilities development plan, which takes into account the age of the district's facilities, students and their families would feel more confident attending Hamtramck Public Schools.

What are some of the strengths and weaknesses of the district?

One overarching strength of the district and Hamtramck as a broader community is the dedication of staff, administrators, and general community stakeholders.

I have never experienced such a shared feeling of community responsibility as I have in Hamtramck.

This translates to a strength for the district because there are numerous families, business owners, and prominent community members who are willing to support the district and its students in whichever ways possible. Looking out for students' best interests is something that we typically do well in this community, and when that energy is properly directed, the district can benefit greatly from its local partners.

Unlike Detroit, our diverse urban district is easily defined. Because Hamtramck is a smaller district, the issues we face can be stratified and broken down into smaller, more manageable pieces.

This is yet another strength; we don't have all the time in the world, but we do have the talent and community support necessary to define our challenges thoroughly and work together for a solution that keeps the students' best interest at heart.

Clearly the district is facing some challenges. I prefer to use the term "challenge" instead of weakness because it

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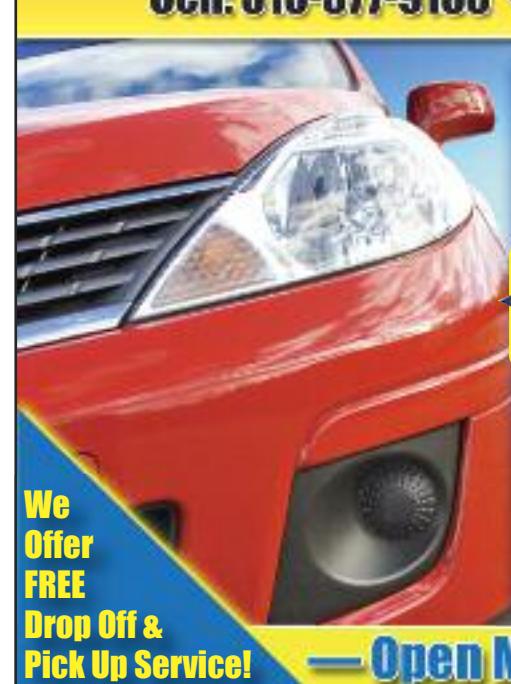
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School board candidates talk about issues facing the district

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invokes a more positive way of thinking. Student achievement needs to increase, even in the face of faster-increasing state standards. Through new district initiatives that are already in place we will likely experience a boost in achievement, but constant evaluation must take place to ensure that time and funding is not wasted on ineffective efforts.

Enrollment, though it has increased for this school year, is also an issue. Though the widespread perception is that Hamtramck Public Schools offers a lower-quality education than area charters, in reality the reverse is typically true. As community perception of education quality becomes better-

aligned with the truth, enrollment losses should slow and the trend will turn. There are ways for the district to help change community perception of school quality.

Another challenge facing the district is its outdated facilities, which drive families away when new charter school buildings with fancy gymnasiums and colorful playscapes are popping up everywhere. A targeted facilities development plan, based on donations and limited sponsorships from community partners such as corporations and foundations, can help Hamtramck bring its school buildings into the 21st-century. Many suburban districts rely on such plans to help

support programs which are too expensive for state-based funding, and Hamtramck could greatly benefit from that model.

Overall the district remains strong because of its broad community support and excellent base of administrators, staff, and families who truly have students' best interests at heart. Without these talented and dedicated stakeholders, the district would not be able to succeed.

State funding has been cut to all school districts. What do you propose to do to survive the loss of revenue?

Cuts in state funding will only become more severe as fewer schools meet the state's Adequate Yearly Progress "AYP" benchmarks. Last year 79% of Hamtramck Public Schools met the benchmarks, but this year only 33% met standards.

One major reason for this is the increase of state standards for students. For instance, if all students and all schools were exactly as good as last year, the number meeting "AYP" would still decrease: state standards are increasing.

This is related to funding because schools which continue to fail to meet these standards will experience further decrease in state funding and support. The trend with the state is to deepen the connection between funding and student achievement, so in order to preserve funding, challenging students to do their best is absolutely imperative.

In the shorter-term, however, the district can reach out to

community partners in Hamtramck and the surrounding area to fill in programming gaps that are left by funding cuts and budget shortfalls.

Hamtramck is fortunate to have numerous community organizations which are able to provide after-school opportunities and other programs funded through grants or third-party donors at no cost to the district. Through community collaboration our students can experience the same opportunities at a decreased cost to the district.

Student enrollment has declined in recent years. What would you do to attract more students into the district?

In fact, district enrollment has increased for this school year, though it had been decreasing in years prior.

Regardless, community perception is that public schools in Hamtramck provide a lower-quality education than area charter schools. In reality, Hamtramck Public Schools exceed or are comparable in quality to charter schools in Hamtramck. Changing this perception is one step to turning decreasing enrollment around.

Another issue is the district's outdated facilities. When brand new charter schools with shiny facades and updated facilities targeted to students' academic and extracurricular needs are springing up seemingly everywhere around town, it's more exciting for parents and students to affiliate with a school that looks shiny and new.

Hamtramck Public Schools is not in the position to acquire or

contract new buildings, but through a targeted development campaign, the district should seek out corporate, foundation, or private donors to help bring facilities into the modern world. Many districts, especially suburban ones, enjoy the benefits of an advancement office or develop-

ment department.

These offices focus on bringing about necessary funding to maintain and update facilities and other programs that generally are too expensive to fund through the general state-issued per-pupil stipends. Hamtramck, as a smaller, urban

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A case of murder or self-defense?

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dent started.

Detective Aiello said he expects to have arrest warrants sometime this week.

"We're still getting information," Aiello said.

Police initially said they were investigating evidence that suggested the matter could also be considered a hate crime. The four suspects are white and King is African-American.

Aiello said that race doesn't appear to be a factor.

"But information could come forward and change our mind," Aiello said.

The suspects are not Hamtramck residents and range in age from 20s to 40s.

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Review: Opinion Page

City gets a needed shot in the economic arm

Despite these gloomy economic times, Hamtramck is enjoying a huge influx of federal cash.

Fifteen million dollars worth.

You can thank the Obama administration for this, because it's part of the stimulus package. The money is not only going to make good things happen here, it's also going to put people to work.

And you can also thank the city's administration, especially Community & Economic Development Director Jason

Friedmann, for jumping on this grant and making it happen.

The money is specifically earmarked to build new housing, rehab old housing, knock down housing that can't be saved and redevelop the empty Shopper's World building.

This is the shot in the arm Hamtramck needs. Because of the wave of foreclosures in recent years, the city's housing stock has been taking a beating.

And certainly there was a slim chance the former Shopper's World Building would have found a developer with-

out federal financial aid being made available.

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, five developers were hired to get to work, and a marketing company was also hired to make sure the right kind of development happens at Shopper's World.

In one of those rare moments of solidarity, the council worked as a team in approving this.

Let's hope this is the kick start that will attract more people to live here, as well as shop here.

the last two digits of the year you were born and the age you will be this year and the result will add up to 111 - for everyone.

Also this year, we will experience five Sundays, five Mondays and five Saturdays in the month of October.

This only happens once every 823 years.

So, add it all up, and according to the Chinese, the years with all of those Sundays, Mondays and Saturdays are known as "Moneybag" years.

We don't know about you, but, "Hello Lottery."

Paddle up ... We can't think of a better combination. Booze and ping pong.

In the same room.

What could go wrong? Or, oh so right?

Well, if that got your attention, then head on over to Skipper's Hamtown Bar this Tuesday (and every Tuesday) starting at 8 p.m.

The event is being co-sponsored by Renew Detroit, and it doesn't cost a thing. Better yet, you don't need to bring anything except a few dollar bills for some beer or whatever.

It's being billed as a "rock-and-roll ping pong party."

OK, OK, we're coming.

Oh yeah, Skipper's is located at 9735 Conant.

two years to help give the children of the projects a little extra boost.

From what we saw last Wednesday afternoon, there is a lot of care and dedication these young folks share every week.

Condolences ... Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Hamtramck native, Brian "Moe" Mtyko, who died recently.

We don't know what the circumstances are, but for sure it was tragic. Brian has a lot of friends in the area music scene, and it's only fitting a special blues benefit will be held for him this Sunday at Kelly's Bar, 2403 Holbrook, from 6-10 p.m.

May you rest in peace, old friend.

Numbers racket ... If you are like us, numbers can be a pretty fascinating subject.

But this tidbit is truly amazing. According to Chinese numerology, this year had and will continue to experience a freaky phenomenon with these unusual dates: 1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11, 11/11/11.

Hopefully, you didn't go blind reading that. It gets better. Take

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School board candidates talk about issues facing the district

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district, is in an excellent position to benefit from such a model.

Through updated facilities and a targeted campaign to change community perception around the public schools' instructional quality, the district's traditional loss of enrollment can be curbed.

Should the district run its schools year-round? Why or why not?

There is certainly a loss of knowledge over the summer for all students who do not remain engaged through some sort of activity. Presently, however, I feel the district has more pressing issues to problem-solve before considering transitioning to a year-round calendar.

Anything else you would like to add?

Visit my website, www.burkmanforboard.org, for more information.

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Name: Nasr Saleh Hussain

Age: 35

Education: Bachelor Degree in Chemistry-City University of New York

Occupation: Self-Employed/Printing & Graphics

Why are you running for school board?

I am running for the school board in order to do my best to turn our school district around and make it an example district to be proud of and make sure our children receive the education they deserve in order to make them successful in their lives in the future.

What experience do you bring to this position?

As a self-employed person, I know how to retool an organization to keep it competitive. I

will bring this experience to the school board. In addition to that, my experience in budgeting and my experience in dealing with a diverse client base will be a plus in dealing with our diverse school district.

What are some of the primary issues facing the district, and what do you propose to do about them?

There are two main issues facing this district. First is the depressing academic achievement of our children. I will try my best, with fellow school board members, our teachers, and administrators to implement strategies to find what works best for raising our children's academic levels.

For example, finding who are the most effective teachers and using their effective strategies to improve the teaching methods of other teachers thus enabling us to reach our goal of a successful district.

In addition, family involvement is, in my opinion, of utmost importance. I will work with the school board to have strict policies ensuring and encouraging family involvement in the school life of their children.

What are some of the strengths and weaknesses of the district?

The weaknesses are the severe financial crisis facing it, the low academic achievement level, and the aging infrastructure.

The strengths are a diverse student body, dedicated teachers and administrators who want these children to succeed, and most importantly students who want to succeed.

State funding has been cut to all school districts. What do you propose to survive the loss of revenue?

Without any doubt these cuts

will adversely affect our school district. I will ensure that the school board exercise prudent fiscal management in prioritizing spending policies and will try to keep the negative impact on teaching and learning to a minimum.

As a last resort, I will not mind turning to the generous residents of Hamtramck for a tax levy knowing very well that the success of our children is a goal they will sacrifice for, even in these hard economic times.

Student enrollment has declined in recent years. What would you do to attract more students into the district?

Increasing student enrollment is a short term solution that, in my opinion, should not be pursued. A long term solution is to emphasize the "Quality over Quantity" approach.

By concentrating on the students we already have and increasing their achievement level academically, I am sure increasing enrollment will follow naturally.

Should the district run its school year-round? Why or why not?

Running a school district year-round is a very good idea that has been supported by very interesting research. At this current financial situation, I think it will not be a feasible option for our school district, but it remains a choice that we might have to take a look at in the future when the economic times improve.

Anything else you would like to add?

I would like to thank The Review newspaper for allowing me to present my ideas to the citizens of Hamtramck and

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hope that they will support me in trying to advance our school district and work together to graduate competent students who will benefit themselves and their communities.

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Name: Darla Swint

Age: 61

Education: Masters Level Graduate Degree: Counseling Education, Limited Licensed Counselor Bachelor Level Graduate Degree: Social Work Community Services, Accredited Certified Addiction Counselor, Current Student, Master Level: ~ Mid 2013, Ecumenical Theological Seminary-Detroit Divinity and Theology

Occupation: Clinical Therapist-LLC: Dual Diagnosis Evangelist

Why are you running for School Board?

Evolved as a community activist, I have attended School Board meetings. I have visited various schools and observed teacher/student interacting. I have also participated in one of the highly spirited Hamtramck Challenge Days. I have talked to my fellow citizens the parents of our school children.

Our youth is the future of our Hamtramck. Therefore, I am

strongly motivated by the call, to duty and my desire as a life-long citizen of Hamtramck. I can and I will help guide the Hamtramck School Board forward to insure the future of our schools and our city's children.

I have observed and noted a number of needed and required educational and community advancements. I believe supported by studied, professional experience, enhanced by modern skill building tools, critical improvements are ready and available.

Current and former educational values have become disparaging obstacles to many citizens of Hamtramck. By eliminating outdated impediments to education, alone will help embellish a modern diverse community environment, and that will come as a gracious inclusionary invitation to all citizens and children of Hamtramck.

Not a limited approach, but a broader understanding with universal compassion we can help return the Hamtramck School System and School Board and to a position of desired and deserved respect. I promise to not only refurbish but build to improve and be a reliable advocate for 21st cen-

tury education. That is why I am running for a seat on the Hamtramck School Board.

What experience do you bring to this position?

I hold a Masters Degree in Counseling Education, two under graduate degrees, one in Community Services and the other in Social Work.

Education, training, and experience have afforded me the opportunity to work in a wide range of human services. My professional experience and knowledge package, includes and ranges and includes classroom teaching and education of children and adults other areas include "Licensed Professional Counseling" specifically providing services to meet the needs of a single child, as well as to the family unit and special group therapy services.

In 1990, I served as the Acting Dean of Student Affairs at Jordan College, until the College closed. In this position, I was responsible for the affairs of the entire student body. I managed the budget for the student body, prepared housing year round for our students, met weekly with our facility and interacted with parents as needed daily.

The duties that I feel would be an asset as a Board Member are the ones that allotted me the opportunity to engage in student affairs. Meeting the needs of the students and their families while working to ensure that each student reached their highest potential. Assisting parents when they needed support in helping the student strive and achieve.

I have excellent innate and tangible people skills, "Listening, Feeling, Getting Involved and Staying Involved" is what I have always strived to do and will continue as a seated member of the Hamtramck School Board.

A great intensity and respect for knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of every person's needs and procedure is what I offer to the Hamtramck School Board.

What are some of the primary issues facing the district, and what do you propose to do about them?

There appears to be an obvious stunning lack of communications between the Board, Facility and Community.

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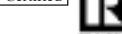
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GRZEGORZEWSKI

Mark Duane Grzegorzevski, 53, died October 7, 2011. He is survived by his parents, Clarence and Josephine Grzegorzevski and brothers Bruce Grzegorzevski and Paul Grzegorzevski. A memorial Mass will be held October 22, 11:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Parish, 9086 Hutchins Rd., White Lake, MI. 10/21

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braryor on Jos. Campau or in one of the local churches, the cry of the parents is that they don't receive enough respect from the Facility when they are at the various schools.

This flows over to the children and causes negative behavior in the classroom. A teacher should be able to relate to all of her/his pupils, not just a few as well as every School Board Member, starting with the Board first.

I would provide ongoing support for hiring and establishing an ethnically integrated and culturally diverse teacher core.

A school district that reflects the diversity of the community gains the potential to expand and attract a population seeking a rich and broad education. Modern technology is ever expanding and enriching lives world over. Hamtramck is unique and has the potential to light the path for its citizens through the continuous use and application of modern education.

At that point monies maybe poured into our District by other resources and maybe even the State.

Student enrollment has declined in recent years. What would you do to attract more students into the district?

Change the attitude present in the current District now by engaging more ethnic faculty. Begin to engage the student/parent community with an honest respect that should be extended without question or forethought.

Work on curriculum changes where all students feel they are learning (and they can) with a sense of pride. Work harder to achieve graduates of greater diversity in our School District. These accomplish-

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School board candidates talk about issues facing the district

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At Friendship House, concern grows over food cut

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state payment for 13 years, and, along with other donations, it has gone a long way toward keeping the pantry open.

Now, with the money dried up, the pantry received a total of less than one truckload of food instead of the usual three full loads this past week.

It's unknown why state funding has been cut, but then (under Gov. Rick Snyder and his Republican colleagues) the emergency welfare payments have also been cut.

Ulasevics finds it odd, even suspicious, that the state has not given the organization written notice of the cutoff.

"To me, it's fake," she said.

She also pointed out that a judge halted the state's cutoff on emergency welfare payments because it failed to notify its clients in writing.

Notifications of the welfare cut are going out this week, according to news reports.

On Tuesday, a representative from the Lansing DHS office told The Review she did not know why funding has been stopped, but promised to look into it.

As of press time on Thursday, the state had not called back.

At Friendship House, 1,500 people from Hamtramck and the nearby Detroit neighborhoods use its services. At this point, the organization cannot take on new clients.

"Just yesterday we had to turn away two families requesting emergency food," said Ulasevics.

A mailing has gone out to known donors, asking them to dig a little deeper into their bank accounts for a donation.

"Not only do we have to worry about next month, but also Thanksgiving and Christmas," Ulasevics said.



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