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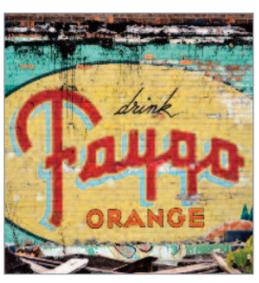
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ROCK AND RYE music is all that gets into your head?

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You will no doubt be enchanted to discover a small exhibit they're terming "a Faygo throwback collection" of products – presumably old signs, ads, or the like.

"Live art" will be on display, and we're not sure what that means but it sounds scary.

They promise light refreshments as well. No word on whether that includes BEER, but you can ROOT for a bartender to fix you up a "specially crafted Faygo cocktail."

Sounds like GRAPE fun to us. And if you seek to continue it, there's a conveniently located after-party right
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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

School district presents its annual financial picture and plans

By Charles Sercombe

Over the past 15 years, public school districts in the state have seen financial funding drop by 30 percent.

That was the bad news presented at the recent annual State of the District Address for the Hamtramck Public Schools.

The good news is that the district still boasts of a budget surplus, this year sitting at \$9.8 million.

"We're doing very well," said District Chief Financial Officer Sherry Lynem.

The district's yearly budget is \$45 million, and so far, the district has been able to keep costs down. Salaries and benefits eat up the biggest portion of the budget at \$28 million.



Hamtramck Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay (left) recently presented the annual State of the District address. Once again, the district is in good financial shape.

But the president of the Hamtramck Public School Teachers' Union, Michelle Cook, said per-pupil spending, which comes from the state, needs to be increased by a little over \$1,000 for each stu-

dent. The district now receives \$7,871 per student, Cook said. In Hamtramck, the per-pupil dollar has to stretch much further.

That's because the ma-

ajority of students speak and read English as a second language, and also many are from low-income families.

That places more strain on teachers, and

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And then there were just two

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck was on the verge of acquiring a major artifact of its history.

But thanks to officials at the Detroit Land Bank Authority, that plan has literally been demolished.

Several weeks ago, there was a buzz around town that the Hamtramck Historical Commission



The plan to move a historical log cabin to Hamtramck came to an abrupt end.

was in line to acquire a log cabin, or to say more accurately, a log house, that had a Hamtramck connection.

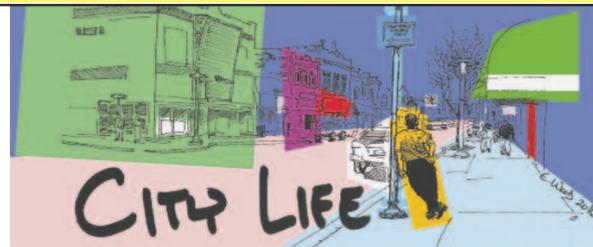
Greg Kowalski, the chairman of the Hamtramck Historical Commission, said the difference between a log cabin and log house is that cabins have rounded logs, and log houses have squared off ones.

This was no ordinary log cabin, um, house, be-

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This year's Hamtramck Music Fest continued its tradition of presenting a wide variety of performers.



The hits keep coming for the Hamtramck Music Fest

By Walter Wasacz

Only a handful of people were in the room when Registered Nurse, a "band" consisting of a man and woman dressed in white lab coats, began its performance. But as

the group played people found their way into the back room at PLAV Post 6, filling it.

The faces of audience members reflected some blending of bewilderment

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School district presents its annual financial picture and plans

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stretches the district's resources.

To meet the district's needs, Cook said, per pupil spending should be at \$9,000.

The district may see some spending increase. Recently, newly-elected Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced she is going to increase per pupil funding by \$180 for each student.

Hamtramck has a student enrollment of 3,300.

Besides a brighter financial picture, the district is about to take part in a program that will perhaps be the envy of other districts.

For students, it's going to be a once-in-a-lifetime gift.

The district is entering into a partnership with Detroit schools in offering a free trades program.

The program will be open to 30 students per year for the next three

years.

Participating students will be immersed in a training opportunity that will offer training in their choice of one of these skills: electrical, plumbing, HVAC, masonry, or welding.

Sharon Streaan, the district's Curriculum Facilitator, said by the end of the program, students will be able "to walk out of there and get a job."

Schools Superintendent

Tom Niczay, who is retiring at the end of this school year, said he has been working with the city to find ways to further shore up the district's financial picture by sharing services.

That way, he said, both the district and the city can save money.

He said the key to success is to remember "We are all family."

Police seek information on possible bar shooting

By Charles Sercombe

Contrary to a rumor spreading over the weekend, there was no homicide in town.

But there was a bizarre incident that happened Saturday at about 3:30 a.m. at the New Head Coach Bar on Carpenter, just east of Jos. Campau.

In a press release issued by Police Chief Anne Moise, gunshots were heard coming from the

bar.

According to the press release, an injured victim was seen "being dragged into a vehicle that fled the scene."

The press release does not say who witnessed this.

Hoping to evade officers, the driver of the vehicle turned off his lights. Several patrol cars, with their sirens on and overhead lights flashing, pursued the vehicle for a couple of miles at which time one of the patrol cars lost control making a turn on a slippery street and damaged the car.

Officers were treated for their injuries.

The shooting remains under investigation. Anyone who has information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Hamtramck Police Department at (313) 800-5281.

The bar has come under scrutiny in recent weeks.

On at least one occasion, officers visited the bar late at night because it had been operating after hours.

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School Bell

District Art and Music Showcase

The Hamtramck Public Schools Music and Art departments would like to invite you to the All-District Art and Music Showcase on Tuesday, March 26 at 6 p.m.

The event will take place in the Hamtramck Community Center. Artwork from our talented students will be on display, and music ensembles from all district schools will be performing. Please come out to support all of the hard work our students have put in to make this a fantastic show.

Early Childhood Elementary School News

The students and staff at Early Childhood Elementary School kicked off reading month with a special show presented by The Magic Bookshelf Company.

Students were treated to stories combined with magic tricks. The students participated in the stories, and had fun as they assisted with the magic tricks.

The next day, the school was filled with the imaginative stories of Dr. Seuss in celebration of his birthday. Students dressed as Dr. Seuss characters, and brought in books to read, and par-

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Scenes from the Early Childhood Elementary School's birthday celebration of legendary author Dr. Seuss.



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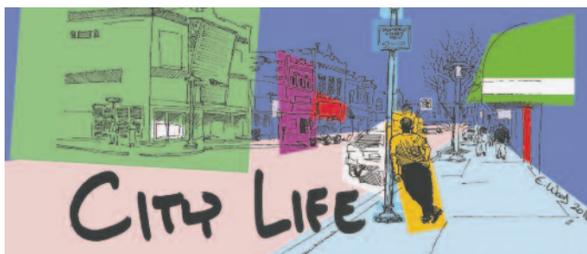
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and wonderment as they entered, unsure of they were seeing and hearing.

The band had no conventional instruments, like the guitars, drums and horns used by most of the musicians at last week's Hamtramck Music Festival (HMF).

In fact, it would be a stretch to even call Richard Newman and Renee Willoughby musicians at all. They are part of the experimental theater and performance art group called the Hinterlands, based a few blocks north of Hamtramck in the Banglatown neighborhood.

As Registered Nurse they created electronic beats and streamed live video onto a wall in front of them. They faced away

from the audience: also a departure from typical concert conventions.

But this wasn't really a concert at all. More a happening; no, a provocation. As I watched and listened to Newman recite and chant into his microphone while Willoughby screened cut-up images of her face (she was doing this in real time, staring down into a camera while seated at a desk) it reminded me that art and music collaboration has endless possibilities.

It also suggested that the best of what the HMF represents is sudden impact: it should hit you immediately as you walk into the room, whether you are familiar with the performer or the style of music or not. Impact is what I read on faces that entered that performance space, as well as others I walked into last weekend.

My plan was to walk and discover what I found, the principles on which I base this column. Aside from Registered Nurse – which I'd circled a few weeks before when I ran into Newman at Oloman Cafe – my objective was to treat each gathering at every venue as if I was walking into a party put on by people I did not know.

I began my drift on Thursday at Ant Hall, which hosted the actual opening night party, and where I saw Sold Only As Curio, a gypsy-folk ensemble accompanied by a belly dancer; the prog-psych rock trio Cosmic Light Shapes (featuring Eugene Strobe, one of the festival organizers); and After Dark Amusement Park, another heavy rock trio that played in the adjoining Ghost Light Bar.

It was all good.

While some attendees fixed their gaze and ears on the performers, others wandered from room to room. I did a little of each

over the 90 minutes I stayed at the event.

On Friday, I set out walking around 7, hoping to catch another trio - made up of two women and a man - called Jackamo at the Hamtramck Public Library. I missed them, unfortunately, though people who saw the show had glowing faces afterward, signaling something special had just happened. I waited around for the next group to set up and start but apparent equipment troubles forced a delay so I moved on.

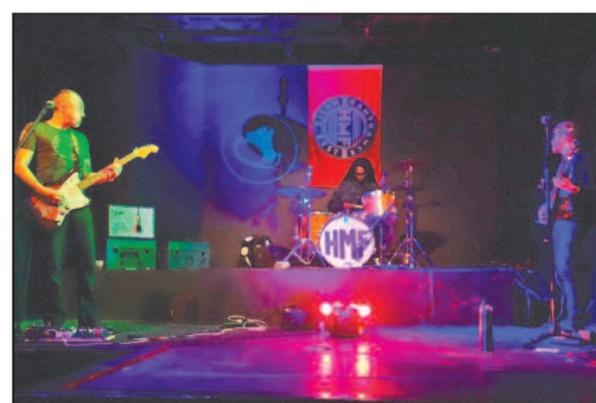
Circling the corner of Caniff and Jos. Campau I saw familiar faces inside Bank Suey and stepped inside just as Banjoelectric (one of the performers from the previous night's Sold Only As Curio show) was finishing and Hamtramckan Michele Oberholtzer, whose name readers might remember from last summer's District 4 State Rep primary election, was about to begin her unaccompanied vocal performance of self-reflective song-stories she

calls Lullabies for Grownups.

From there I walked to Post 6, where I stayed a full hour, then back up to Sanctuary, a newish club concept housed in the same building where Paycheck's had a decades-long run hosting punk, post-punk, garage, goth, metal and probably every other rock 'n' roll variant there is.

It was my first time in the renovated space and I thought it cleaned up nicely after all those grimy

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Hamtramck Public Schools continue on road to success

A couple of weeks ago the public school district held its annual "State of the District" address.

Once again, the district had good news to report: It is financially sound, and there are a number of interesting services and projects coming up.

We are not surprised. School Superintendent Tom Niczay has been at the helm for 11 years and has steered the district out from a huge budget deficit to one where the district has a \$9 million surplus.

At the same time, his administration has adopted new teaching programs to better serve our students.

Mr. Niczay will be the first to tell you that the

district's success rests with his administrators and teachers.

And he is right.

But as the old saying goes, "the buck stops here."

In other words, the person at the top gets blamed if things go bad and gets praise when things go right.

Mr. Niczay is retiring at the end of the school year this June. He has worked in the district for 40 years.

Before he took over the district, there was one disastrous superintendent after another.

For several years, the district wallowed in chaos and division.

We bring this up now because the school

board is seeking his replacement. This is no ordinary job.

We can't stress enough that applicants have to be thoroughly vetted – which is something that previous boards failed to do.

Despite the district's success, Hamtramck has many challenges, and it requires a superintendent to put in extra hours.

The next person has to actually want this challenge.

Although Mr. Niczay plans to leave by the end of June, there is no rush to find a replacement.

In the meantime, rest assured the district is in good hands.

And then there were just two

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cause it dated back to the 1800s, possibly as early as the 1830s.

And although it was located just a few blocks north of the Hamtramck-Detroit border, on Halleck, it was Hamtramck's own.

In the 1800s Hamtramck was a township, and its borders went from this area to the Detroit River.

The plan was to move the cabin to Zussman Park where it would have been restored to its original glory.

Kowalski said a fundraiser was going to be held to raise \$60,000 to move and restore it.

But the Land Bank folks apparently grew impatient, and went ahead with their previous plan to raze it – despite earlier assurances to Kowalski it was going to be taken off the demolition list.

People in town are at



The inside of a historical log cabin that dated back to the 1800s.

historic levels of anger. You can say they have "hell fire" in their blood, as they said back in the day, the mid-1800s day that is.

"Everybody is furious," Kowalski said. "It was a shock, especially after all we had done."

Mayor Karen Majewski took it one step further, and said: "Heads should roll."

A spokesperson for the

Land Bank, an organization that has been mired in controversy lately, said despite claims that there was a plan for the cabin, there really wasn't one.

The cabin was one of only three such historical structures in Detroit. Now there are two remaining.

(Read the story below for more about the log cabin.)

Odds & Ends

Reminder... There are a couple of fundraisers coming up to help Hamtramck High School drama students to attend a special performance of "Hamilton."

The students need financial help to purchase specially-priced tickets (\$10 per student) and pay for bus transportation.

At the Polish Sea League (at Edwin and Brombach), there is a "Hamilton Happy Hour" tonight (Friday, March 15), from 3-6 p.m.

The suggested donation is \$5, which will get you pizza and \$1 off drinks.

On March 20, PLAV Post 10, (11824 Jos. Campau) is also holding a trivia night starting at 8 p.m.

Teams will consist of two to five people. The suggested donation is \$5, and there will be \$1 shot specials to help sharpen your memory skills.

First place teams will

win a prize. DJ Chuck will be spinning the tunes. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

New play... Speaking of HHS drama students, they will be presenting a new play next week.

It's a drama called "Dollar Store Dreams... A Tale of Hamtramck," and it was written by the students' drama coach, Nan Walter.

Curtains go up next Thursday, March 21 and again on Friday, March 22. Both shows start at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium on Charest just north of Caniff.

Tickets are \$3, and are available at the door.

Batter up... Dig deep folks, there is also another fundraiser going on.

The one is to raise \$50,000 through an online fundraiser to replace the field at the city's historic baseball stadium in Veterans Park.

The Piast Institute and the Friends of Historic

Hamtramck Stadium launched a fundraiser at patronicity.com/hhs.

If the \$50,000 goal is met, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation will kick in a matching \$50,000.

As of Thursday, the day The Review went to press, over \$30,000 had been raised.

Detroit rocker Jack White was the first to step up to the plate when he pledged \$10,000.

The online campaign runs until April 2. If the money comes through, the field will accommodate baseball, cricket, soccer and community events.

Reminder... Yes, the winter was awful, bitter cold, and too long. But next Wednesday, everything changes. Right? Wednesday, March 20, is the first day of spring, and we don't care what the forecast says, it's going to be warmer one way or another.

Hamtramck's log cabin: The treasure was lost, found... and lost again

By Greg Kowalski

You can hear and see the whole story on Thursday, March 28, at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, when it presents "The Lost Log Cabin."

See how this amazing historical structure was found almost accidentally hidden within a crumbling old house in a neighborhood just north of Hamtramck that was once part of Hamtramck Twp.

This was an amazingly important find.

There are only two other log cabins in Detroit dating from the period this cabin was built more than 150 years ago. But after standing so long it was threatened with destruction as part of the program to demolish abandoned houses in Detroit.

"The Lost Log Cabin" will show how historians from the Hamtramck Historical Museum and archeologists from Wayne State University worked furiously to save the log cabin from being destroyed.

And just when it seemed like they might succeed – the cabin was destroyed. Demolished in a matter of hours.

This shocking development incensed local preservationists and drew widespread media coverage.

And the story is not over yet.

Learn what happened, what really was at stake and what will happen next in this real-life treasure adventure.

The program will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday,

March 28, at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. Doors open at 6 p.m. and light refreshments will be served.

It's free, but donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information call (313) 893-5027, (248) 770-8389, or go to: www.hamtramckhistory.org.

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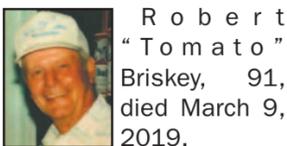
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Obituaries

—BRISKEY



Robert "Tomato" Briskey, 91, died March 9, 2019.

Husband of the late Patricia.

Father of Robert "Yippy" (Ann Marie) and Susan (James) Briskey;

Grandfather of Brian and Jennifer (Jason) Kohl; great grandfather of Olive, Eloise, Adelaide, and Magdalen; brother of Michael (Delphine), Elsie Weiss, and the late Tony, Margie, Sister Mary Grace, James, Dorothy, Harry, Lorraine, and Stella.

Visitation Friday, March 15, from 2-9 p.m. with Rosary at 7 p.m. at Wysocki Funeral Home, 29440 Ryan Rd.

Lying in state Saturday, March 16, at 10:30 a.m. until time of funeral mass at 11 a.m. at St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 28353 Hebert, Madison Heights.

Burial at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Funeral arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, Hamtramck.

KOSALSKY



Kenneth Kosalsky, 79, died March 6, 2019.

Husband of the late Karen; father of Janet (Dwayne) Hatfield, Steven (Rachel), Daniel (Shannon) and the

late Lenore, Kenneth, Deanna; step father of Kathy, Erica, Gabriel, Eric (Jessica), Danny, and Debbie; grandfather of Christina, Jennifer, Travis, Jessica, Grayson, Shayna, Kailey, Matthew, Jeffery, Daniele, Samantha,

Kenny, Amber, Aria and David.

Memorial Visitation Saturday, March 16, from 1-4 p.m.,

with service to be determined at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck.

LUDORF



Jamie Ludorf, 52, died March 13, 2019.

Mr. Ludorf was the son of the late Joseph and Phyllis; brother of Tim and Cathy (Thurman) Wooten; nephew of Tina Ludorf and Carol Finkel. Jamie is also survived by his niece Chelsea and five cousins.

Memorial visitation is Sunday from 5 - 9 p.m., with services yet to be determined at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff Hamtramck MI 48212.

MARSH

Lawrence C. Marsh, 82, died March 7, 2019.

Mr. Marsh was retired from General Motors where he was an electrical engineer. He served in the Air Force, and he was a member of Holy Cross P.N.C. Church. Society of Automotive Engineers, P.N.U. of America, The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

He is survived by his wife, Stephanie; daughter, Kathy (Larry) Chockley; son, Robert (Tamie) Marsh; sister, Joyce Lane; and grandchild, Katra Marsh.

A memorial service, with military honors, was held March 14 at Krot Funeral Home.



School Bell

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ticipated in many lessons planned by the teachers.

You could see the smiles and hear the laughter of students in the hallways as the tongue-twisting, rhyming stories were read aloud.

The kindergarten classes of Mrs. Larc Bogdan, Mrs. Lynn Balko and Mrs. Carla Timocko, along with parent volunteers, climbed aboard a bus headed for Schoolcraft College in Garden City to learn about science. Students experimented with different science concepts.

The entire school is collecting money under the leadership of Mrs. Jackie Dzedziula, preschool teacher, for Pennies for Patients. Pennies for Patients is a special service-learning program that gives students the opportunity to help children and adults fighting against blood cancer.

All of the money donated will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help those afflicted with the diseases.

March is a busy month at the school with a pretend store. Students are learning about money skills to buy items.

A book give-away will occur this week to encourage the love of reading. Game night was held on March 14.

Learning Gizmos from Warren came in to show what great games they have to enhance learning.

Also, students are talking about how a leprechaun messed up their classroom last year and their plans to catch the crafty, mischievous leprechaun this year. The wearing of green is planned for March 15.

Dickinson East Elementary School News

Dickinson East started celebrating March Is Reading Month with a kick-off assembly. Principal George Hill read an inspiring Patricia Palocco picture book "Just Read."

March will feature reading contests, guest readers, a book caterpillar that will reach all around the inside of the school, and much more fun to stimulate the love of reading.

Six students from Ms. Rahiel Housey-Johnson's class received positive office referrals for showing great improvement in behavioral and academic choices in the month of February.

These students are Mohammed Zilani, Amr Kaid, Ahmed Jobah, Wasem Al-Hemyari, Bakeil Obad, and Sahil Rahman.

The students were invited to choose prizes, including books, pencils and Dickinson East Dolphin wristbands.

Students who attend the HOPE after-school program at Dickinson East have been exploring the volume of three-dimensional solids during the math activity and game time.

Students have the opportunity to have fun with math in scheduled rotations so that everyone meets with Ms. Rahiel Housey-Johnson in a small group setting, one to two times per month. Other topics include math facts, speed games, pentominoes, and tangrams.

Hamtramck High School Drama Club

Hamtramck High School Drama club presents an original drama by Nan Walter, "Dollar Store Dreams," a tale of Hamtramck.

The play will run Thurs-

day, March 21 and Friday, March 22 at 6 p.m. at Hamtramck High School, 11410 Charest.

Admission is \$3. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or reserved by email at cosmicdramatix@gmail.com.

Fundraiser for Hamtramck High School Drama Club Students

There will be a Hamilton fundraiser Friday, March 15 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Polish Sea League, located at 2601 Edwin. Proceeds will benefit a very special opportunity for HHS students to attend a performance of Hamilton at the Fisher Theatre. A donation of \$5 will get you pizza and \$1 off drinks.

HHS drama club fundraiser Wednesday, March 20: Trivia Night from 8 to 10 p.m. at P.L.A. V. Post #10 located at 11824 Joseph Campau.

Proceeds will benefit the HHS drama club to attend a performance of Hamilton at the Fisher Theatre and to help raise funds for the HHS drama club's upcoming performance of "Dollar Store Dreams." Suggested donation is \$5, and they will also have 50/50 raffle tickets available.

Enrollment Information

Hamtramck residents may enroll their children in Hamtramck Public Schools at the HPS Business Office, 3201 Roosevelt. School of Choice applications will be accepted during the following dates: Kindergarten: Unlimited, March 14 through September 5; grades 1st through 12th: Unlimited, March 14 through June 28.

Late school of choice applications cannot be accepted. School of choice

applicants may be denied based on the student's attendance and/or discipline record.

You will need to bring with you: original birth document (raised seal birth certificate, passport, green card, visa), up-to-date immunization record, final 2018-2019 report card/transcript, parent identification, two current proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage statement, formal signed lease, paystub, etc.) and proof of income (required only for preschool applications).

Kindergarten Roundup Dates:

Early Childhood Elementary, March 20 at 3:30 p.m.; Holbrook, March 27 at 1 p.m.; Dickinson East: April 11 at 4 p.m.; Dickinson West: April 17 at 3:30 p.m.; Tau Beta: April 18 at 1 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- March 22 – End of 3rd quarter.
- March 22 – Half Day for Horizon High School-Final Exams.
- March 28 – Report Card #3 Distributed.
- March 30-April 7 – No school for students and staff. Spring Break.
- April 8 – School resumes for all students.

Recreation Department News

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers March 5-11.

Tuesday, March 5

- A resident from Warren was treated at Detroit Receiving Hospital after swallowing a controlled substance during a traffic stop.
- A resident was arrested for domestic assault.
- A Lumpkin St. resident reported their vehicle was stolen.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- A Lumpkin St. resident reported a break-in.
- A Danforth St. resident reported a break-in.
- Two males pulled up in a car at Nagel and Comor and fired multiple shots into another car occupied by one person. The victim survived and is being treated at Detroit Receiving Hospital. The suspects were not found, and their identities are not known.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Nagel and Carpenter.

Wednesday, March 6

- At almost 1 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested after a short foot chase that resulted from a traffic stop. He was arrested for obstruction and for driving without a license.
- A Lumpkin St. resident reported their car was stolen.
- A Belmont St. resident reported being assaulted.
- A Jos. Campau business owner reported damage to their building.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Norwalk and Conant. Another hit-and-run accident happened at Conant and Holbrook.
- Officers responded to an open door at a business in the 2200 block of Holbrook. Officers secured the building.

Thursday, March 7

- A resident was arrested in the 11300 block of Dequindre St. after threatening a person with a box cutter.
- A male wearing a khaki-colored coat attempted to break into a

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residence in the 2600 block of Whalen. Those living at the house were home at the time.

- Two false 911 calls were made.

- A Detroit resident was arrested for trespassing at a business located in the 12100 block of Conant.

Friday, March 8

No incident report was available for this date.

Saturday, March 9

- At 2:45 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for possessing an open intoxicant.

- Two false 911 calls were received by the department.

- Officers discovered an open door to a building in the 2600 block of Florian St. The building was secured.

Sunday, March 10

No incident report was available for this date.

Monday, March 11

- A Charest St. resident reported the theft of his city-issued trash can.

- A Detroit resident was arrested in the 2300 block of Carpenter for urinating in public and possessing an open intoxicant in public.

- A resident in the 5000 block of Caniff reported that a man and a woman stole a FedEx package off their porch and fled in a gray Pontiac G6.

- Officers assisted a person having a heart attack in the 2200 block of Yemans until an ambulance crew arrived.

City manager took advantage of governor's visit

By Charles Sercombe

As expected, newly-elected Gov. Gretchen Whitmer came to town recently to participate in the 5K Paczki Day Run.

For the record, yes, she did indeed run the course.

Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist was also on hand and also ran.

This is first time in the run's seven years that Michigan's governor made a visit.

Whitmer's visit was a chance for many to have a photo taken with her, and for city officials to introduce themselves.

You would think, maybe, city officials would also do a little business since they had the governor's ear.

City Manager Kathy Angerer said she did indeed talk a little with Whitmer about Hamtramck's looming financial crisis

She told Whitmer: "Bal-

ancing the budget is my big problem."

The governor invited Angerer to meet with her in Lansing. As of Thursday, when The Review went to press, no date yet had been set.

Hamtramck is no stranger to experiencing financial woes.

In the last 15 years, the state has been forced to step in twice and appoint an emergency manager to take control of the city's finances.

The city was released from state oversight just three years ago, and now, once again, a crisis has formed.

It's not the fault of bad management, though.

Instead, it's more like a perfect storm of setbacks that, for the most part, could not be anticipated, or fended off.

Just recently, GM an-



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

nounced it will shut down production at its Poletown Plant this June. That closing date was just set back to January of 2020 – a seven-month extension.

The plant's shutdown will mean the city won't receive \$800,000 per year that GM pays in lieu of property taxes.

Additionally, Wayne County says that in a few

years it will transfer prisoners out of its Hamtramck jail into a new jail being built in Detroit.

That will mean a loss of \$1.1 million per year also in lieu of taxes.

An immediate hit to the city's budget this year will be an increase of \$300,000 the city has to come up with to meet pension costs.

The city's budget is \$16 million for this year.

It's not clear what the state can do to help Hamtramck, other than eventually declare another financial emergency and let emergency manager number three try to figure out a solution – once and for all.

So far, fixing Hamtramck's long-term finances has remained elusive – even for emergency managers.

Coming events

WEDNESDAYS, 7 p.m., every second Wednesday of the month

– The 3C7 and Midtown Block meets at 2339 Caniff PCS Senior Day Center. This block club includes all residents and businesses west of Jos. Campau and north of Holbrook.

FRIDAY, March 15 from 3-6 p.m.

– Hamilton Happy Hour, Polish Sea League, 2601 Edwin. \$5 suggested donation will get you pizza and \$1 off drinks. There will be a 50/50 raffle.

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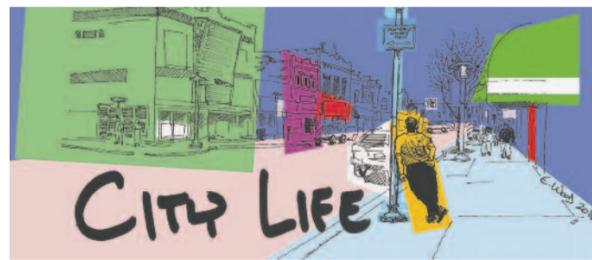
– The Consulate General of the Republic of Poland is organizing a consular visit at the Piast Institute located at 11633 Jos. Campau. During the visit the Consulate will only address applications or renewals of a Polish passport. Applicants are required to bring two passport photos. The Piast Institute cannot schedule appointments. Applicants must call the Consulate to set up an appointment. Call: (312) 337-8166 ext. 229 or 231.

WEDNESDAY, March 20, 8 p.m.

– P.L.A.V. Post #10, 11824 Jos. Campau, Trivia Night Post 10 regularly does Trivia, they have agreed that their proceeds will go towards Hamilton HHS drama students' fundraiser. Teams of 2-5 people. First place teams win a prize! Hosted by DJ Chuck. \$5 suggested donation, all "\$1 shot special," and they will do a 50/50 raffle.

FRIDAY, March 22, 9 a.m.

– Wayne County Commissioner Martha Scott hosts a free Community Coffee Hour every fourth Friday of the month at Maine Street Restaurant, 11650 Jos. Campau.



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years. I did scan my memory for some cool shows I saw there in the 1980s,

including John Cale, The Gun Club and the largely forgotten Sex Gang Chil-

dren. Anyone else have some favorites from Paycheck's golden era?

I stayed for a few songs by ska band Cabin 7, then continued farther north up Jos. Campau to High Dive and Barter which, to my disappointment, was still under construction and had its showcase moved to the Port Bar. I was hoping to check out this new

business, which plans a formal opening soon.

Pausing at the intersection of Caniff and Jos. Campau I was buoyed by what I saw on the sidewalks in all directions: people walking east, west, north, south. In groups, in couples and solo walkers. There is no science to my observations, just a long personal history as a witness of pedestrianism in Hamtramck.

This activity is healthy, I thought, a step up from last year, which was a step up from the year before that.

At Port Bar I walked in on soul band QRB, which was doing an extended version of the Temptations' 'Papa Was a Rollin' Stone.' People were up and dancing in the room at the north side of the bar, where others sat and talked. I preferred dancing so I joined that group and snapped several no doubt shaky pictures while my body moved to the funky grooves.

I left there in a good mood, but was beginning to wear down physically. I'd been nursing a cold all week. Now I was feeling its effects. I had a tip about a couple bands at Kelly's – Dinner Music and Viands, followed by a solid DJ closer, Whodat – and a synth-pop group called Career Club at Bumbo's.

I chose Bumbo's because it was on my way home. It was packed. But the band I wanted to see was about 30 minutes from going on so I decided to call it a night. I skipped all of Saturday, justifying it as a night of R&R (rest, recuperation and recovery) after blasting around for the first two days.

Well done, HMF. Take a bow. Til next year then.

(Hamtramck native Walter Wasacz has rocked the city streets since he was old enough to walk them.)

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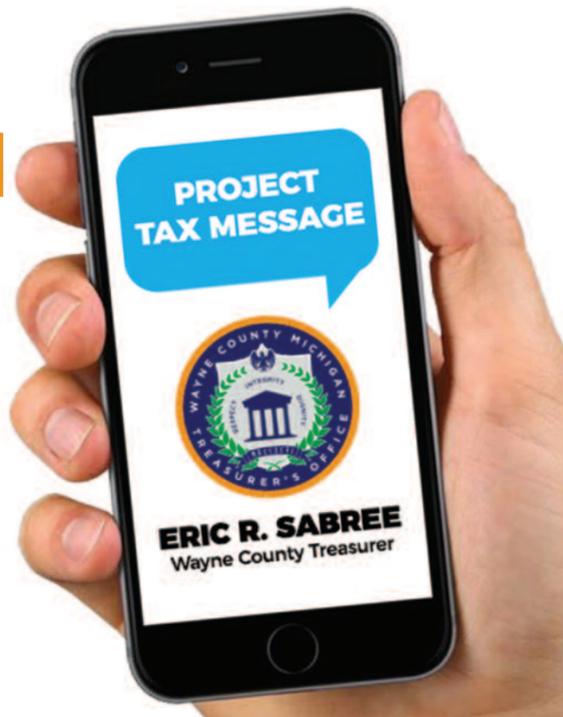
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