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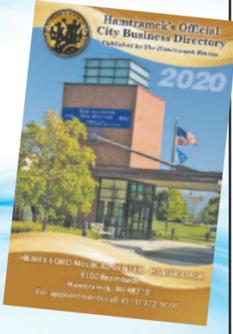
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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Dissecting the city's finances is a yearly exercise

By Charles Sercombe

Ever wonder where Hamtramck's government gets its money – and where it's spent?

According to a recent audit of the city's 2019 finances, on the revenue side of the ledger, the city's prime revenue stream is from property taxes – which should come as no surprise, at least to property owners who are painfully aware of how much they pay each year.

Last year, the city collected over \$6.5 million in property taxes – down by almost \$50,000 from 2018.

The next highest revenue stream is from state



Each year city officials offer a glimpse into how much money the city takes in through taxes and where that money is spent. The biggest revenue source is from property taxes, and the biggest expense is providing police and fire services.

revenue sharing, which netted the city over \$3.4 million last year, which is about \$83,000 more than 2018.

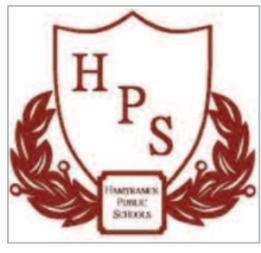
That's largely due to

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer increasing how much money is paid out to communities.

Under former Gov. Rick Snyder, state revenue

sharing was slashed in an effort to deal with the economic downturn when he first took office in 2011.

Next up is revenue from
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Quick Hits

Schools issue notice about coronavirus

By Alan Madlane

Perhaps you've heard by now that there's a new coronavirus strain around.

Seriously, it's about all you're hearing these days.

Your local Hamtramck Public School District is doing its bit to get the word out, and to help allay people's fears.

"The team and I are studying this closely and working with local and state health and educational agencies to get the most current information to keep our community members kept abreast," School Superintendent Jaleelah Hassan Ahmed assured The Review, via email.

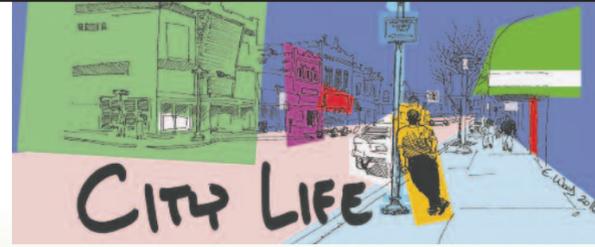
And in fact, Hamtramck Schools issued the following memorandum on Saturday, Feb. 29, which we are reprinting here verbatim due to its importance:

On February 28, Gov.

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Rudy Tomjanovich may be the most well known Hamtramck-born NBA star, but John Brisker also had an impressive – and mysterious – career.



Pride and power of local black history

By Walter Wasacz

In January, I traveled downriver to see Hamtramck High School's excellent basketball team play the top-ranked team school in the state, River

Rouge.

It was my first visit to the Lofton Greene Gymnasium, named for the legendary coach who amassed over 700 wins
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Presidential primary is coming up

By Charles Sercombe

Get ready to vote.

Next Tuesday (March 10) is the Michigan presidential primary election, which also features a millage proposal for the Detroit Institute of Arts.

While the majority of media coverage has focused on the Democratic presidential candidates, there are two challengers, at least here in Michigan, running on the Republican side: Joe Walsh and Bill Weld, although the Hamtramck ballot also includes Mark Sanford.

President Donald Trump, of course, is also on the ballot.

On the Democratic side, it appears wide open, but the field of candidates has narrowed daily this week.

At the time we went to press, the Democratic candidates left were: Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders and Tulsi Gabbard.

Sanders had been leading the pack of candidates, but since this past Super Tuesday election, Biden is now in the lead. Since the Hamtramck ballots were mailed out several weeks ago to those voting absentee, if you already voted and your candidate has since dropped out, you can revote.

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the city income tax, which brought in a little over \$3 million last year – up by over \$300,000 from 2018.

On the downside, for revenue from a category called “other revenue,” the city saw a loss over \$1 million. That was largely due to the expiration of a federal grant that compensated the city for the salaries of firefighters.

On the expenses side, 60 percent of the city's budget, some \$10.7 million, goes toward police and fire services. That

was an increase of almost \$1 million from 2018, which mirrors the loss of revenue from the federal grant that paid for firefighters' salaries.

The next highest expense is general government services at \$3.4 million and then public works at \$2.6 million – a slight increase from the year before, but still taking up 19 percent of the budget on the expense side of things.

The city has a budget surplus, called a “fund balance,” of \$6.8 million,

down from 2018 when it was \$8.2 million – the highest it had been in many years.

Water and sewerage services have always been points of interest for property owners. In 2019, the city earned \$5.2 million in sewage disposal service, and \$3 million in providing water.

The water revenue increased by over \$500,000 from 2018, but sewerage charges fell slightly in 2019.

On the expense side, the city spent \$4 million on sewage disposal, over \$700,000 in providing water, and \$1.2 million in general operation costs – among several other expense areas.

There is an \$11.4 million budget surplus (fund balance) in the Water Department.

Why does the city have such a high surplus in the Water Department?

When asked about the surplus, and the city's plan on what it will do with it, City Manager Kathy Angerer referred us to a 2018 “Water and Sewer Rate Assessment Report.”

The report's summary basically said that the rates for water and sewerage are set to ensure the department can continue to operate in the future, and cover repairs needed to the system.

The report also said that each year rates will increase 2.9 percent. In other words, your water bills will continue to go up.

Presidential primary is coming up

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clerk's office and request to have your ballot spoiled.

The DIA millage is a renewal request for 0.2 mills (or 20 cents for every \$1,000 of your property's taxable value). For most households that equals about \$10 to \$20 per year.

Voters previously OK'd the millage eight years ago, and the current millage is good for another two years.

DIA supporters wanted to get an early start on seeking a renewal for an-

other 10 years. They say a renewal is needed because Detroit slashed funding to the institute.

The millage is being decided by voters in three counties: Wayne, Oakland and Macomb.

If the millage is passed, residents in those three counties can continue to enjoy free admission to the museum for an additional 10 years.

The DIA is considered one of the top art museums in the country.

Don't like the Democratic and Republican

candidates, or simply have no interest? There is a ballot for those who want to vote only on the millage.

No matter what. You can choose only one ballot to vote on.

Also new: if you are not registered as a voter, you can now do so on election day. You must be at least 18 years old, be a citizen, and also prove you live in Hamtramck, if that is where you are registering.

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Want to get in the restaurant business? Polonia is yours for \$450,000

By Charles Sercombe

For the second time in a week, another Hamtramck landmark business is making a huge change.

First, there was Hamtramck Drugs announcing its abrupt closing.

And now, the owner of Polonia restaurant, John Zurowski, has put his business up for sale for \$450,000.

While not necessarily meaning Polonia will close, there is no guarantee the new owner will continue operating it as a restaurant.

However, in the listing for the Yemans St. business, it is said that Zurowski is seeking someone to continue it as Polonia, and is even willing to stay on to help with the transition.

The sale includes everything: the two-story building, the inventory, the equipment, liquor license and recipes.

Basically, it's a turnkey operation.

The building is about 6,000 square feet, and has a finished second floor hall that has hosted numerous special events – including Christmas par-



Polonia restaurant on Yemans St. is up for sale, which includes the building, all inventory, recipes and the liquor license.

ties hosted by The Review newspaper.

Polonia is one of only two Polish restaurants left in the city – the other, Polish Village Café, is located just on the other side of the city parking lot that both share.

There is also one more Polish restaurant close by – Krakus on Jos. Campau, north of Carpenter.

Zurowski has owned the restaurant since 1986, but it dates back to the 1930s, when members of the local Communist Party would meet there.

This isn't the first time

Zurowski has attempted to sell his business.

When there was a proposal in the 1990s to renovate the nearby former Shopper's World building into a joint senior housing on top and retail space on the bottom, Zurowski was upset about losing parking and put the business up for sale.

Now, in both the Hamtramck Drugs situation and in Zurowski's, it's about the owners retiring.

The Polonia sale is being handled by Century 21 Hartford.

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School Bell

From the superintendent
Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed recently had this to say about the coronavirus concern:

“The health and safety of students, staff, and community members is a priority at Hamtramck Public Schools. HPS has been concerned about the coronavirus (COVID-19) and we have been working closely with our Wayne County Health Department.

“At this time, the immediate health risk to the general public is low but we want to continue to take precautionary steps and provide updated information as we receive it.”

Kosciuszko Middle School News:

Each month at KMS, students are nominated for Cougar of the Month. Students were chosen for

the month of February for Being Respectful.

Congratulations to our Cougars of the Month:



Kosciuszko Middle School “Cougar of the Month” for February pose for a photo.

Abrar Al-Nahari, Antwon Green, Ruthie Heikkila, Jessica Jablonski, Liza Aktar, Maha Uddin, Sania

Sardar, Granit Buzhala, Noah Gubin, Loretta Habucke, Mujaheed Shammakh, Hedayetul

Dey, Tahdya Chowdhury, Alina Skoczylas, Afsana Akther, Ritha Almat and Priya Roy.
Keep up the good work!

Upcoming events

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- April 2 – Report card #3 distributed

Recreation Department

The recreation department will have its annual Bunny Breakfast and Egg Scramble at the Community Center Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to noon. Also, new this year is the Flashlight Teen Egg Hunt from 1 to-3 p.m. Visit the Facebook page for more details!

For information about recreation activities, give us a call at (313) 892-2635. Follow us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information:
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TOAST of the TOWN

Hamtramck Music Fest once again dazzles and delights

When it comes to good food and great times, Hamtramck has plenty to offer. In this column, we'll talk about what's happening at our bars, restaurants and other events throughout the city.

By Charles Sercombe

Well, we here at Toast had the best intentions for this past weekend.

But that cold/flu bug going around caught up with our two reporters, who had planned to conquer the annual Hamtramck Music Fest.

Toast managed to quaff down enough meds to venture out Saturday night to see a friend's band, the David Bierman Overdrive, play at Polish Sea League – that tiny up-north-kind-a bar on Brombach and Edwin streets.

It doesn't take too many folks to make this bar really crowded, and Saturday



This year's Hamtramck Music Fest was once again a smashing success. Above: The Dave Biermann Overdrive delivers at Polish Sea League.

it was shoulder-to-shoulder.

The band was great, the people were friendly, and the drinks were flowing.

We caught up with proprietor Joe Karpinski, who

once served on city council, and who's father was once head of the DPW.

So, yeah, Joe's been around here a long time, and he's seen plenty of folks come and go.

He, like us, was amazed to see the city streets bustling with young music fans, walking from one

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It had that big-city vibe.

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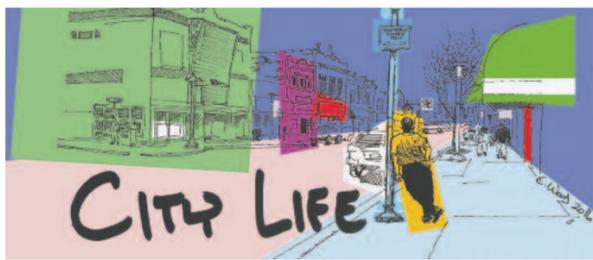
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from the 1940s through the 1980s.

The game was nip and tuck until the last four minutes, when the Panthers pulled away from the Cosmos to win, 58-50.

The game – and the trophy-rich environment at Rouge, which boasts a Michigan High School Athletic Association record 14 state championships – was exhilarating.

The junior varsity action was also pretty great. In

that game, HHS rallied to beat a very good Rouge JV squad. The basketball future looks bright for the Cosmos, who are drawing interest from basketball junkies across the state.

The team has interchangeable, “positionless” parts and features a swarming full court defense. It seems to have taken on the personality of its coach Dennis Foster – a tenacious defender as a Cosmos star guard in the 1990s – and his staff.

They are efficient, disciplined and fun to watch.

Watching Cosmos’ players like Javier Whitaker, Amari Allen and 6-6 Noah Burns, who held River Rouge all-stater Legend Geeter in check for most of the game, later inspired a personal journey through my sports memories growing up in Hamtramck.

It started down the block from my house at Dickinson playground, where I played basketball and baseball (strikeouts and long ball, with the diamond on the Norwalk side), before migrating to Veterans Park and later Playfair for Hamtramck’s then-nationally recognized recreation baseball program.

Little League and Pony League all-star teams won World Series championships in 1959 and 1961, and were among the most competitive in

the country in the 1950s and 1960s.

Baseball was my primary participation sport but I loved hoops and followed the great HHS teams of the mid-1960s. The long-defunct Twin Valley Conference – which included River Rouge, Ecorse, Romulus and HHS – was one of the region’s (and the state’s) best.

The consensus view holds that Rudy Tomjanovich (HHS ‘66) is the greatest Cosmos basketball player of all time. It’s hard to argue the point. Rudy T. went on to star at the University of Michigan – where he led the team in scoring and rebounding in all three years he played in Ann Arbor – and in the NBA as a player and coach with the San Diego and Houston Rockets.

But another player from the same era caught my attention and tickled my imagination as I drifted through decades of memory.

John Brisker.

There were two Brisker brothers – Ralph (HHS ‘64) and John (HHS ‘65) – who set a high bar for local basketball excellence. Rudy T.’s career went farther – he was a five-time NBA all-star and finished with a career 17 points per game average –

– but John reached even greater individual heights in only six seasons in the old ABA and NBA.

As a rookie with the Pittsburgh Pipers (later changed to Condors), John Brisker averaged 21 ppg, then bested that by averaging 29 ppg in each of the next two years.

Those were outstanding numbers playing in a league that featured future hall of famers Julius Erving and Spencer Haywood, who starred at Pershing High in the mid-60s. He ranks third, behind Erving and Rick Barry, in all-time points per game (26.09) in the ABA.

I used to wander up Gallagher to the Copernicus Junior High playground, which had multiple courts, and where it was said teenage talents like Haywood, Tomjanovich and the Briskers (Ralph landed at the University of Detroit, where he averaged 16.6 ppg over two seasons) battled each other during the warm weather months.

The playground was on the site where the current HHS Community Center stands now.

John later played in the NBA with the Seattle SuperSonics (with Haywood). He was only 27 when he played his last professional game.

Already exploring his

African American heritage and involved in black pride and black power movements of the time, Brisker’s story took a dark, mysterious turn when he traveled to Africa in 1978.

He never returned, his body never found. Some say he went to Africa as a mercenary, to fight in support of Ugandan leader Idi Amin, who’d become a fan of the American basketball star. When Amin was forced from power and fled into exile in Saudi Arabia, Brisker died by firing squad, some said.

But that was never confirmed, his cause of death remains a mystery.

John Brisker was declared legally dead in 1985. But he has never been forgotten. There are numerous articles about him that are just an online search away.

During this Black History Month, I recommend digging deeper into the life of one of greatest, most complex Hamtramck athletes of all time. Keep John Brisker in your thoughts as you follow the current HHS Cosmos into games, tournaments and life challenges to come.

Walter Wasacz is a writer and Hamtramck native. His column appears twice monthly in the Review.



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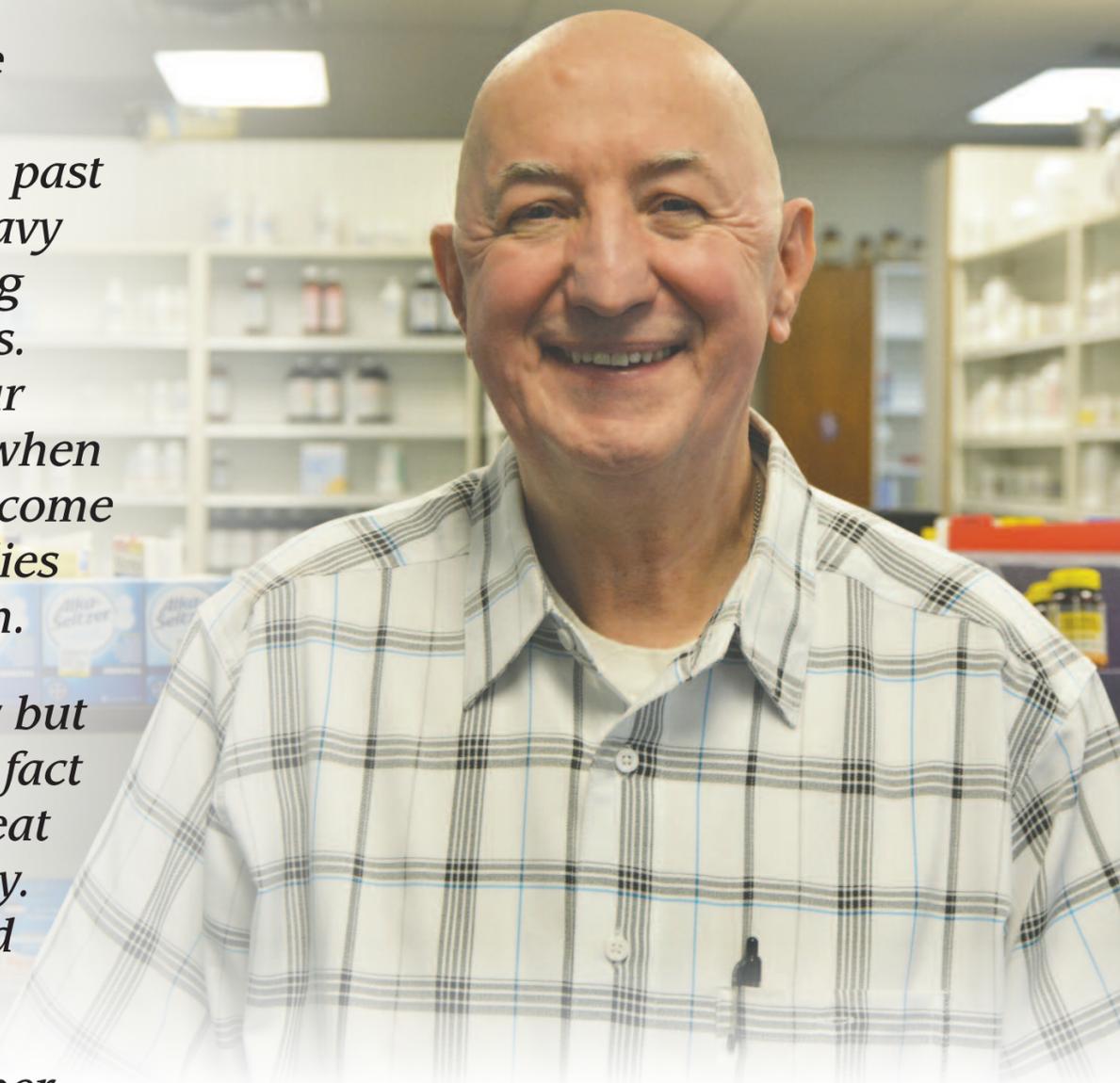
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In Our Opinion

School district seeks to shore up its future

Last week, the public school district held its annual State of the District presentation.

And as we reported, it was all good news, financially-speaking as well as for student services being expanded and improved upon.

For Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed, who was appointed to her position last summer, this is indeed a good omen for things to come.

The district is not resting on the good news. The school board is charging ahead, and promoting an ambitious goal this year to convince voters to support a 30-mill bond issue to make much needed improvements to school buildings.

Even more ambitiously, they seek to build a brand-new three-story school to accommodate the district's growing student population.

A special election for the bond proposal is May 5. If voters approve the proposal, it's been estimated that it will cost homeowners about \$200-\$300 extra per year.

The money raised would amount to about \$30 million.

And for those wondering, yes, several years ago the district received voter-approval to pay for school building improvements.

However, the need is still great for even more repairs and additions. Remember, for many previous years – long before this school board was in office – school officials did not invest in the district.

And know this: Michigan is one of 12 states in the country where there is no government funding allocated for building upgrades. That means the district has to find its own funding.

Superintendent

Ahmed was right in describing this as an “equity gap.”

Without a doubt, rallying voters around this millage will be a challenge – to say the least.

Before those of you reading this dismiss the idea, consider that having a solid school district actually increases the value of your home. Hamtramck will be even more attractive for families to live in.

It is not only an investment in your house value, but also an investment in our students' future.

Consider this, what is an extra \$200 or \$300 a year? It breaks down to \$20 or \$25 extra per month.

That's a good deal, considering that homeowners can make it up on the back end when they go to sell their house.

Investing in our public schools is a win-win for all.

Arrests made in domestic-related homicide

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck first homicide of the year happened Monday evening.

A woman in the Col. Hamtramck Housing projects in the 12000 block of Selfridge St. was arrested in connection with the stabbing death of a man, and the wounding of another man.

The wounded man was also later arrested in connection with the “investigation,” according to a press release issued by the police department.

His wounds were described as “non-life

threatening.”

Police declined to provide information on the nature of the relationships between those involved, nor were their identities released.

But those who know of the incident told The Review that the woman and men were outside of her apartment when an argument broke out at about 6 p.m.

Sources said the woman began swinging a kitchen knife, and may have accidentally stabbed her brother in the neck, resulting in him bleeding

to death.

No other details were available at the time The Review went to press on Thursday.

The housing project was built back in the 1940s.

Hamtramck police had been providing extra patrols for the projects until a few years ago, when federal funding ran out.

Hamtramck experiences anywhere from one to three homicides per year. None had happened in the housing projects for a number of years prior to this one.

Letters • Letters

Ukrainian community applauds city council for neighborhood designation

On behalf of the Ukrainian American Center Foundation (UACF), I wholeheartedly thank the Hamtramck City Council for approving, at its January 14, meeting the resolution designating a Ukrainian Heritage Neighborhood.

The foundation's origins stretch back to 1915. After a series of fits and

starts, its pioneers built their brick-and-mortar home in 1931 on Carpenter Street, the thoroughfare that separates Hamtramck's northern fringe from Detroit.

Familiarly known as Carpenter Hall (or simply “the hall”), the Ukrainian American Center served for decades as a cultural hub – a place for concerts and

plays, classes and meetings, weddings and wakes.

Like many ethnic groups, the Ukrainian community grew, and its members spread from the urban core to the burbs. The importance of cultural hubs like Carpenter Hall dwindled as ethnic groups integrated deeper into American society.

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Odds & Ends

Spring forward... Here's one sign that spring is not far off: Daylight Saving Time returns this weekend, March 8.

On Sunday, at 2 a.m., we “spring forward” – as the saying goes – and set our clocks one hour ahead.

In other words, 2 a.m. becomes 3 a.m.

And that also means that on Monday, we will all be complaining about losing sleep.

As for spring, it officially starts in a couple of weeks – March 19, to be exact.

So that means “So long Old Man Winter,” and cold weather and snowstorms, right?

Oh wait, this is Michigan. Expect to experience winter-like weather for at least another month.

Field of dreams... Hamtramck baseball fans have once again gone to bat for one of their own.

Through the largess of those who love the history of Hamtramck baseball, the Hamtramck Stadium Grounds crew is going to be able to purchase an In-field Groomer. The groomer is a motorized, pneumatic device with two wheels that attaches to the back of a small tractor, and which grades the infield quickly and efficiently.

Such devices are often

used for school diamonds, or by minor league teams which can't afford a fully-staffed grounds crew.

The money for the purchase came partly from funds generated through Jack White's and Ian Kinsler's Warstic baseball bat company. White has been a vocal and visible proponent of the stadium renovation effort, helping to organize a celebrity hardball match on the field just this past summer.

White is a rock musician, now a solo artist but formerly one half of the juggernaut duo The White Stripes.

Kinsler is a now-retired major league player, a former second baseman who played with the Detroit Tigers from 2014-17. He retired just this past December at the age of 37.



Thanks to contributions made by Jack White's Warstic baseball bat company, the grounds crew at Hamtramck Stadium can now professionally groom the infield.

Cash was raised by auctioning off a “Hamtramck Hustle” Jack White Special Edition bat, and through partial profits from the sale of their “Detroit Sandlot” jerseys and “Hamtramck Hustle” posters, in addition to general donations.

The stadium is one of the last five remaining Negro League ball fields in the U.S.

Currently, the field is used, not only for baseball games, but for soccer and cricket matches as well.

The press release said that the Warstic company's American Indian Stic Warriors Fund will continue to contribute to the cause.

Those interested in “pitching in” financially should go to <http://www.hamtramck-stadium.org>.

Hamtramck Music Fest once again dazzles and delights

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Joe said if he could have this happen, say, once a month, he'd be happy.

Oh heck, Joe, aim higher. It should be like this every weekend night.

Will Hamtramck ever get to that point?

That's been a dream of a lot of folks, but dang if Hamtramck continues to take two steps forward and one step back. Just when you think the city will reach that tipping point, we have a setback, of sorts.

There are rumors out there that two bars in here town might be up for sale.

On top of that, the talk of the town this past week is

that Polonia restaurant is up for sale. A number of folks are concerned that we are going to lose one of the only two Polish restaurants left here in town.

And as for those two bars, the last thing Hamtramck needs is another bar to close down, and we lose a place with a liquor license.

Too many of these former bars have turned into markets, which ticks us off. How many markets can this city sustain?

But let's not jump to conclusions. We still think there is momentum here enough for things to still

explode someday soon.

We worry, though, that by the time Hamtramck goes full-blown Midtown Detroit, Toast will be, well, toast – as in not here on earth anymore.

But let's not get morbid about things.

This past weekend was a delight to experience, even just a tiny bit. The potential here is still mind-blowing.

We finished the night by stopping by a friend's house party, where there was a lively jam session going on.

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Obituaries

BARTOSKI



Leonard Bartoski, 74, died February 26, 2020.

Mr. Bartoski was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Mary Rose; sister, Mary Ann Sefton. He is survived by his longtime companion, Bernice Cole and her children, Jennifer Taylor Smith and Paul (Anna) Smith and grandchildren; Torrey, Johnathan, Logan, Alex, Aaron, and Lidia who thought of Leonard as their own. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, Cindy, Cathy (Dave), Larry, Joe and James Sr. (Fran); great nieces and nephews, Jenn (Lew), Keisha (Javontae Sr.), Brittany, Briana, James (LaCarla), Chris, Eric, Brandon, Marcus, Jonathan, Arianna, Alayah, Zariah, Da'Jon, Javontae

Jr., Da'Mari, Javeon, Ivan, and Taylor. Memorial visitation is Saturday, March 7, 2020 from noon till 2 p.m., with services at 1:30 p.m., at Jurkiewicz and Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.

IVEY



Fleming Ivey, 77, died December 13, 2019.

Mr. Ivey was the father of Lenore "Peaches" (Bunny) Bostic and the late Jaurean; grandfather of John, Nisha, and Pie; brother of Frances and the late Leonard. He is also survived by ten grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of his life will be from 4-6 p.m., Saturday March 7, 2020 at Ju-

rkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.

LASKOWSKI



Patrick Laskowski, 66, died February 9, 2020.

Mr. Laskowski was the companion of Denise Kanczuga (Pahoski); brother of Jeanette (Stan) Ratay, the late Camellia Ann Smith, and Paul (Madeline); uncle of Laura, Wendy, Dawn, Donald and Virginia.

Patrick was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Amvet's Post #14 and he served in the United States Marines.

Visitation was Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home. Inurnment will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery at a later date.

LEWANDOWSKI



Zofia "Sophie" or "Tiny" Lewandowski (nee Bawol), 96, a longtime resident of Hamtramck and Detroit, died Thursday, February 27, 2020 in Massachusetts.

Sophie was born on September 2, 1923 in Hamtramck, Michigan. She was the youngest of six children; Anna, Angelina, Helen, Veronica, and John and the final daughter of the family. Sophie married the late Benjamin (Bronislaw) "Benny" Lewandowski in 1944 in Hamtramck, Michigan. They had four children, James Lewandowski (deceased 1989), Michael Lewandowski (deceased 1982), and she is survived by her two children, MaryAnn (Gary) Jentzen and Robert (Lisa) Lewandowski and her dear daughter-in-law, Joan Desmet. She has nine grandchildren, Jeffery,

Jamie, Michelle, Lisa, Kristen, Courtney, Lauren, Tony, Jason and 15 great grandchildren.

Sophie could always be found with a smile on her face. She was a devoted member of St. Florian Catholic Church in Hamtramck and nothing brought her more joy than making pierogi in the church basement with her friends for one of the church's many festivals. She loved spending time with her family and friends, attending mass, going to dances and showing off her latest shoes. She was a meticulous dresser, so much so she was voted Best Dressed Girl in her class at Hamtramck High School in 1941. During World War II, she started working at Chrysler on the assembly line and stayed on for 32 years. She was beloved at this job and proud of her time spent there. She was a hard worker and a friend to all. As of last week, she could

still be found singing Polish songs with a smile on her face. She was truly loved by all and will be greatly missed.

Visitation is Friday, March 6, 2020, from 2 - 8 p.m. with Rosary at 5 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff Hamtramck MI 48212. Mrs. Lewandowski will lie in state, Saturday March 7, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. until time of the funeral Mass at 10 a.m., at Saint Florian Catholic Church, 2626 Poland, Hamtramck, MI 48212. Private interment will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, MI. The family requests that donations be made to St. Florian Catholic Church in Zofia's name.



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Quick Hits

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Whitmer announced the activation of the State of Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) where state, local and federal agencies will have a statewide readiness and communication regarding the coronavirus, COVID-19. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will prepare, monitor and coordinate response activities through the SEOC.

At this time, the health risk to the public of Michigan from COVID-19 remains low. Hamtramck Public Schools will take precautionary measures to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. The Hamtramck Public Schools' Building and Grounds Team, School and Community Facilitator and Parent Engagement Facilitator have all attended a workshop at

Wayne RESA ISD on COVID and the Point of Dispensing (POD) which is a pre-identified location where medical countermeasures are given to people to minimize the effects of a public health threat or emergency.

Person-to-person spread of COVID-19 appears to spread via respiratory transmission. Symptoms are similar to those of influenza (e.g., fever, cough, and shortness of breath). The current outbreak is occurring during a time of year when respiratory illnesses from influenza and other viruses are highly prevalent.

In the meantime, we are recommending that there are preventative hygiene practices followed by all that include:

- Remaining at home if you are sick and avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth

with unwashed hand

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are unavailable.

- Cover cough with a tissue or sleeve.
- Provide adequate supplies within easy reach, including tissues and no-touch trash cans.
- Routinely clean frequently touched surfaces.

MDHHS has developed a COVID-19 website located at michigan.gov/coronavirus. It is updated regularly with the most current available information.

In addition, you can refer to the following websites for more information on the COVID-19:

- Michigan updates: www.michigan.gov/coronavirus
- National updates: www.cdc.gov/nCoV

Wuhan Coronavirus Case Counts: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

"The Truth About the Coronavirus – UPDATE!": https://youtu.be/2k-2FNy_VDQ (not an endorsement of Stefan Molyneux - the views and opinions expressed in his videos are his own.)

CDC COVID-19 Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

- CDC COVID-19 Info
- CDC Fact Sheets
- MDHHS COVID19 Website: www.michigan.gov/coronavirus
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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Feb. 25-March 2.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

- A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license (with 17 previous convictions of this offense).
- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Caniff and Ellery.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

- At about 1 p.m., two residents were arrested in the 11600 block of Klinger St. for assault.

Thursday, Feb. 27

- A sexual assault was reported. No further information was provided.
- Officers checking a security alarm at a building in the 2600 block of Florian St. found an open door. The building was checked by officers, and the door was secured without incident.
- Officers checked on the security of a resident on Alice St. Officers managed to gain entry, but there was no one home.
- A resident of Roseville reported the theft of their

vehicle while it was parked at Lehman and Gallagher. The vehicle is a white 2007 GMC Savana, with a red ladder on the roof.

- Officers responded to a domestic violence incident involving two victims on Dyar St. The suspect was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital for psychological evaluation.
- A resident of Warren found a cellphone in the 12100 block of Jos. Campau Ave., and turned it in to the police station.

Friday, Feb. 28

- A suspicious situation was reported at Holbrook and Jos. Campau.
- A resident of Romulus was arrested for drunk driving after being involved in a crash.
- A resident was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- A hit-and-run accident happened at Carpenter and Conant.
- A resident reported that their vehicle was stolen while it was parked in the 2700 block of Flo-

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rian St. The vehicle is a silver 2006 Dodge Caravan.

Saturday Feb. 29

• At about 6 a.m., a resident of Sterling Heights was arrested for being wanted on a warrant.

• A resident of Dearborn reported that their vehicle was stolen while it was parked at McDougall and Holbrook.

• A resident of Warren reported that a suspicious vehicle followed them around the city.

Sunday, March 1

• At 11 p.m., a resident was arrested for a domestic assault that happened in the 3800 block of Yemans St.

• A resident of Redford was arrested after a traffic stop for drunk driving.

• A resident reported fraudulent activity involving their bank account.

Monday, March 2

• At a little after midnight, a Detroit resident was arrested in the area of Oklahoma and Commor for

multiple misdemeanors.

• A Holbrook Ave. resident reported being the victim of fraud.

• A man was arrested in the 2200 block of Danforth St. for assaulting his girlfriend.

• An agent for a Jos. Campau Ave. business reported an incident of fraud.

• At 4 p.m., a resident reported being assaulted at a residence in the 12000 block of Dequindre St.

• At a little after 6 p.m., a resident was arrested for homicide after an incident occurred in the 12000 block of Selfridge St.

Ukrainian community applauds city council for neighborhood designation

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In the early '70s, The Ukrainian American Center sold the hall. While it still stands – it must have good bones, as the DIY experts on HGTV say – it's just another vacant building in the Motor City.

Funds from the building's sale were put into a trust, and the UACF was born. Today, as a legacy of the hall and our forefathers, the UACF's primary purpose is to award annual scholarships to college students of Ukrainian

descent.

Many Ukrainian Americans share a fondness for Hamtramck, and I assure city council that its action has been warmly received within the Ukrainian American community.

As Hamtramck residents in the 1990s, my brother and I proudly pointed out to pals the house where Grandma Mary (Sokoluk) Wichar grew up, just down the street from our rental home on Belmont. And we'd drive them past the

Dequindre home where Grandpa Gene Wichar was raised.

Many foundation members return to Hamtramck every weekend for Mass at Immaculate Conception, while others never miss the annual Labor Day Festival.

Thanks again for a job well done.

**Ken Marten, President
Ukrainian American
Center Foundation**



NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF HAMTRAMCK MARCH 10, 2020

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Hamtramck, County of Wayne:

Notice is hereby given that a **Presidential Primary Election** will be held in the City of Hamtramck, County of Wayne on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 for the purpose of electing candidates seeking nomination for the **office of President of the United States**; and voting on the following proposals as presented and listed below:

Wayne County - Renewal of Wayne County Art Institute Authority Millage:

In 2012 the electors of Wayne County approved a 10-year millage to provide County residents with services from the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) through the Wayne County Art Institute Authority. As a result of the millage, the DIA provides Wayne County residents with free K-12 school field trips including free transportation, free senior group programming with free transportation, and unlimited free general admission. To ensure transparency, the DIA submits to an annual independent audit and posts financial reports online. To continue to provide revenue to the DIA, which will allow these DIA services for the residents of the County to continue, the Art Institute Authority is permitted by law to seek a renewal of the millage at a rate of no more than the current 0.2 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 taxable value) on all real and personal property in the County. Revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the Art Institute Authority and then transferred to the DIA as permitted by and for the purposes set forth in 0440-2008 Public Act 296 of 2010. It is estimated that if approved and levied, this millage renewal would generate approximately \$13,600,000 in 2022. Do you approve the renewal of the 0.2 mill on all taxable property located within the County for a period of 10 years from 2022 through 2031?

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PCT #7	Senior Plaza	2620 Holbrook

- A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote or www.fhgov.com.
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ওয়েইনের কাউন্টি হ্যামট্রামক সিটির যোগ্যতা অর্জন নকারীদেরকে:

এর মাধ্যমে নোটিশ দেওয়া হয়েছে যে আমেরিকা যুক্তরাষ্ট্রের পদে মনোনীত প্রার্থীদের নির্বাচনের উদ্দেশ্যে ২০ শে মার্চ, ২০২০ মঙ্গলবার, ওয়েইনের কাউন্টি হ্যামট্রামক সিটিতে একটি রাষ্ট্রপতির প্রাথমিক নির্বাচন অনুষ্ঠিত হবে; এবং নীচে উপস্থাপিত এবং তালিকাভুক্ত হিসাবে নিম্নলিখিত প্রস্তাবগুলিতে ভোটদান: ওয়েইন কাউন্টি - ওয়েইন কাউন্টি আর্ট ইনস্টিটিউট কর্তৃপক্ষের মিলের পুনর্নির্বাচন ২০১২ সালে ওয়েইন কাউন্টির নির্বাচনগুলিতে ভোটদানের ওয়েইন কাউন্টি আর্ট ইনস্টিটিউট কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে ডেট্রয়েট ইনস্টিটিউট অফ আর্ট (ডিআইএ) থেকে পরিষেবা প্রদানের জন্য একটি 10 বছরের মিলের অনুমোদন। মিলের ফলস্বরূপ, ডিআইএ ওয়েইন কাউন্টি বাসিন্দাদের বিনামূল্যে -12 স্কুল-বিনামূল্যে স্লোপোহট সহ বিনামূল্যে স্ট্রেনিয়র গ্রুপ প্রোগ্রামিং, এবং সীমাহীন বিনামূল্যে সৌধারণ ভর্তি জন্ম ওয়াইন কাউন্টি বাসিন্দাদের সরবরাহ করে। স্বচ্ছতা নিশ্চিত করতে ডিআইএ বার্ষিক স্বল্পতর নির্মাণ জমা দেয় এবং অনলাইনে আর্থিক প্রতিবেদন পোস্ট করে। ডিআইএ-র উপার্জন অস্বাভাবিক রাখার জন্য, যা কাউন্টির বাসিন্দাদের জন্য এই ডিআইএ পরিষেবাগুলি চালিয়ে যাওয়ার অনুমতি দেবে, আর্ট ইনস্টিটিউট কর্তৃপক্ষকে আইন অনুসরণের পুনর্নির্বাচন বার্ষিক ২০২২ মিলের চেয়ে বেশি হারে অনুমতি দেওয়া হয়েছে (কাউন্টির সমস্ত আসল এবং ব্যক্তিগত সম্পত্তির উপর \$ 1000 করের মূল্য 20 সেন্ট)। এই মিল থেকে রাজস্ব আর্ট ইনস্টিটিউট কর্তৃপক্ষের কাছে বিতরণ করা হবে এবং তারপরে ২০১০ সালের ৪৪০-২০০৮ পাবলিক অ্যাক্ট ২৯ 6 অনুসরণে বিজ্ঞপ্তি এবং ডিআইএ-তে স্থানান্তরিত হবে। এটি অনুমোদন হলে এই মিলেজ নবায়ন হবে 2022 সালে আনুমানিক \$3,600,000 উত্পাদন করুন। 2022 থেকে 2031 এর মধ্যে 10 বছরের জন্য আপনি কাউন্টির মধ্যে অবস্থিত সমস্ত করযোগ্য সম্পত্তির 0.2 মিলের পুনর্নির্বাচনকে মোকদ্দম?

হ্যামট্রামক সিটির পুনর্নির্বাচন

পিসিটি # 1 হাউজিং অ্যাডমিন | 12025 বিল্ডিং

পিসিটি # 2 সম্প্রদায় কেন্দ্র 11410 চারেস্ট

পিসিটি # 3 সম্প্রদায় কেন্দ্র 11410 চারেস্ট

পিসিটি # 4 সম্প্রদায় কেন্দ্র 11410 চারেস্ট

পিসিটি # 5 সিনিয়র প্লাজা 2620 হলব্রুক

PCT # 6 পিপলস কমিউনিটি সেন্টার 8625 জোস ক্যাম্পাউ

পিসিটি # 7 সিনিয়র প্লাজা 2620 হলব্রুক

একটি নমুনা ব্যালট mi.gov/vote বা www.fhgov.com এ দেখা যাবে।

সমস্ত নির্বাচন পঞ্জীয়ন করা হয়েছে; পঞ্জীয়নকারীরা তাদের জন্য আবেদন পাওয়ার জন্য নিবন্ধিত ভোটাররা স্থানীয় কেরানির সাথে যোগাযোগ করতে পারেন।

সহায়তা আমেরিকা ভোট আইন (HAVA) মেনে চলার জন্য, ভোট নির্দেশ শব্দভিডিও ফর্ম প্রিন্টেবল উপলব্ধ থাকবে। নির্বাচন চলবে।

সিটি ক্লার্কের সাথে যোগাযোগ করে এই বিকল্প ফর্ম প্রিন্টেবল শব্দভিডিও ব্যবস্থা করা যেতে পারে।

সমস্ত পোলিং অবস্থানগুলি প্রতিবন্ধী ভোটারদের জন্য অ্যাক্সেসযোগ্য।

August R. Gitschlag
Hamtramck City Clerk
March 2020