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## Quick Hits

### COVID-19 testing at state fairgrounds

By Alan Madlane

A drive-up coronavirus free testing site has been established by the Coronavirus Community Care Network (CCCN) at the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse Detroit, on the old State Fairgrounds at 1120 W. State Fair Ave., on the east side of Woodward.

The testing site operates Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Any resident of the tri-county area – Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties – can use the service, however there are steps you must first follow in order to do so.

First, you must get a physician's prescription for a COVID-19 test if they suspect it is warranted. They may then have you make an appointment for the test through the CCCN Call Center.

Testing supplies and trained personnel are

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## HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

# Hamtramck's state representative remembered for his dedication

By Charles Sercombe

State Rep. Isaac Robinson, a champion of environmental rights, died last Sunday.

The suspected cause is COVID-19. He was 44 years old, and was in his first term.

According to media reports, Robinson, a Democrat, had been ill for several days, but despite the urging of his mother Rose Mary Robinson, he refused to go to the hospital.

He finally went last Sunday morning to Detroit Receiving Hospital, but died a few hours later after being admitted.

Robinson recently led the charge against US Ecology, located about a



State Rep. Isaac Robinson, whose district included Hamtramck, died last Sunday. He is seen here holding an anti-pollution press conference in Hamtramck City Hall.

mile east of Hamtramck's border, being permitted to handle fracking waste, some of which environmentalists said was ra-

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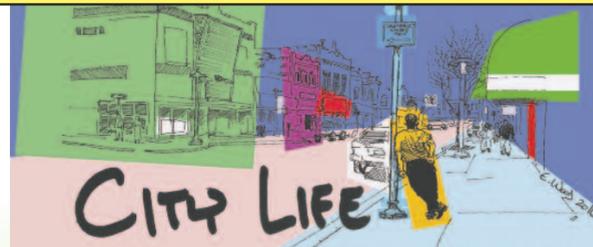
The plant was allowed to handle that waste despite community-wide protests against it.

Robinson was an attorney and followed in the foot steps of his mother, who had served in the

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Hamtramck's dense population makes it especially vulnerable to the COVID-19 outbreak. One way to combat its spread is to maintain social distancing – keeping at least 6 feet apart from one another.



## Changing behavior will help defeat virus

By Walter Wasacz

The hard truth is that Hamtramck, which claims to be the state's most densely populated city, is in the direct path of the biggest health crisis the

world has seen in 100 years.

Not only in the path but potentially a hotspot within Michigan's Covid-19 outbreak epicenter:

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## Coronavirus update: Number of COVID-19 cases increases in Hamtramck

By Charles Sercombe

As the coronavirus continues to spread in Michigan – and in Wayne County especially – Gov. Gretchen Whitmer continues to take action.

Hamtramck, like most communities, seems like a ghost town. There is hardly anyone on the streets, which is a good thing considering that the governor's directive to stay at home as much as possible is still in effect.

As of Thursday, the day The Review went to press, there were 23 known COVID-19 cases in Hamtramck – up from nine last week. Mayor Karen Majewski said there has been one death from the disease, a 90-year-old man who was being treated at a hospital in Livonia.

On Thursday, before The Review went to press, Gov. Whitmer announced that she cancelled the remainder of the school year.

Despite her spat with President Trump, Whitmer's request for Trump to declare Michigan a "Major Disaster" was granted.

That move opens the way for the state to work

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## Coronavirus update: Number of COVID-19 cases increases in Hamtramck

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with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and take advantage of various FEMA programs.

"This is a good start, and it will help us protect Michiganders and slow the spread of COVID-19," said Gov. Whitmer in a press release. "I'm hopeful that the president will review my request for individual assistance programs that would provide meals to families who need them, and rental assistance and temporary housing for families. I look forward to the federal government's continued partnership as we work to fight this virus."

Other actions Whitmer has taken include:

Requiring cities that disconnected water service to any household immediately restore that service.

Whitmer has set up a \$2 million "Water Restart Grant Program" to help communities with restoring water service.

Again, in a press re-

lease, Whitmer said:

"This is a critical step both for the health of families living without a reliable water source, and for slowing the spread of the Coronavirus.

"We continue to work to provide all Michiganders – regardless of their geography or income level – the tools they need to keep themselves and their communities protected."

City Manager Kathy Angerer said there were no recent water shut-offs, but she was not sure how many households had no water service to begin with.

The state is assisting communities that are holding special elections on May 5 with mailing absentee voter ballots to all registered voters.

Hamtramck had a school bond proposal on the May 5 ballot, but the public school district decided to postpone it, and instead will piggyback the proposal on the Au-

gust primary election ballot.

No one likes paying income taxes, but the state did the next best thing: The deadline to submit state and local income taxes is now July 15, instead of April 15.

The federal government has also extended the tax filing deadline to July 15.

Pharmacists in the state are now allowed to fill emergency prescriptions for up to 60 days. That directive from the governor runs through April 22, but it could be extended.

The governor's directive for people to stay home is still in effect through April 13. During this shut-in period, only folks who have what are termed "essential jobs" can go to work.

Otherwise, you can go to grocery stores, medical facilities – and a number of other businesses – as well as enjoy recreational activities outside. The public must observe social distancing – keeping at least 6 feet apart from one another while out in the public.

For those who don't obey the ban, they could be fined up to \$500.

Non-essential businesses must also remain closed.

## Hamtramck's state representative remembered for his dedication

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state legislature for the same 4th District Robinson represented. The district includes Hamtramck and part of Detroit.

She was termed out of office two years ago, and that's when Isaac campaigned for the seat. Prior to running for the office, Robinson was often by his mother's side at events during her six years in office.

Robinson had many friends and supporters in Hamtramck.

Local officials and residents were in shock about his passing.

"Isaac was tireless, passionate, full of the fire of life and committed heart and soul to the public good," said Mayor Karen Majewski. "This is a tremendous loss for everyone. Our deepest condolences to his mother, former State Rep. Rose Mary Robinson."

Hamtramck Public Schools Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed praised Robinson's dedication to the district he served.

"He was a passionate

and dedicated leader, he made every effort to build and maintain relationships with the members of both communities, businesses and school districts," said Ahmed in a press release.

"While he was taken from us far too soon, many can attest to the fact that Representative Robinson made a difference in the lives of many people."

City Manager Kathy Angerer, who at one time served in the state legislature, had known Robinson for years and counted him as a friend.

"This is devastating to Hamtramck and me personally. I have known him as a friend since 2004. I don't know another legislator who worked as hard for their community as he did. A tireless advocate who invited everyone to fight with him for justice for all," Angerer said.

Sharon Buttry, a resident, worked closely with Robinson on his many environmental concerns.

"Representative Isaac

Robinson gave 100% of his heart and talent to the community. He championed unpopular environmental and grassroots causes that no one else would touch," Buttry said.

"His concern and leadership on behalf of those most vulnerable was always front and center. He will be greatly missed, and many like myself lost a great personal friend today as well. I wish all possible comfort and peace to his mother, our dear former Representative, and all the family."

Tony Liggett, a resident, said Robinson, unlike a number of other elected officials, was the real deal.

"Isaac was one of those people who looked you in the eye and listened, really listened, to what you had to say. I was impressed from the moment I met him. And he gave his all for our community," Liggett said.

Besides his mother, Robinson is survived by his father, Roger, and sister, Sarah.

## Changing behavior will help defeat virus

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Detroit.

And it's here now, often presenting itself without symptoms. But it's still spreadable regardless.

It's foolhardy to separate ourselves because of political borders: people on either side of Conant or Carpenter – borders we share with our bigger neighbor – are just as likely to be exposed to Covid-19 and to unknowingly participate in its community spread.

In the tight, dense, urban quarter in which we live the potential for expo-

sure is ever present.

A virus, in this case a highly contagious and deadly virus, respects no boundaries. All humans: brown, black, yellow, white; Buddhists, Muslims, Christians, Hindus, people with no religion; none of us are immune so long as we live and breathe.

Men, women, young and old: all generations are potential hosts, spreaders and victims. There are now about 350 people in Michigan who have died. In the months to come,

experts' projections reveal that the total could be in the thousands.

But we can all do something very simple to help challenge those dire projected outcomes: stay home, and if you need to go out for the essentials – food, medicine, a brisk walk for fresh air and exercise – keep at least a 6-foot physical distance from others.

We should, many experts say, act as if we already have the virus. We should act as if others

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## This week at the library...

Dear Library Patrons,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made the difficult decision to close the Hamtramck Public Library to the public.

The Library will remain closed until April 13.

In the meantime, we encourage you to try our new service, Hoopla, available through the library website.

We will keep you informed of any changes on the website and on social media.

During this emergency closure no late fees will be assessed.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 733-6822, or visit its website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access the online catalog. The library is located at 2360 Caniff.

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# Second Front Page

## Mayor takes to Facebook to update residents about the virus

By Charles Sercombe

Mayor Karen Majewski will continue her version of “fireside chats” via livestreaming on Facebook.

The mayor first aired her address to the community a week ago Sunday, and on Wednesday announced that she will be doing 10-minute updates each day on the city’s handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

She said one reason to reach out to the community daily is because “things are changing constantly,” and that it’s a “good way to connect to each other.”

You can catch her address on the City of Hamtramck’s Facebook page at any time.

On Wednesday, she said that the number of



Mayor Karen Majewski will be speaking via Facebook to the community daily about the city’s handling of the coronavirus outbreak.

COVID-19 cases in the city had reached 23, and that there had been one death caused by the disease.

The victim was a 90-year-old man, Majewski said, who had been treated at a Livonia Hospital.

The growing number of

COVID-19 cases in the city — there were only nine known last week — “is a reminder to stay at home if you can,” Majewski said.

She noted that those without medical insurance can get assistance from the state for testing by calling (888) 535-6136,

or by going online to covid19@michigan.gov.

For those who are now out of work, and struggling financially to come up with rent or mortgage payments, the mayor reminded folks that for the time being, evictions cannot take place.

She ended her address on a cheery note: “I just wanted to reach out to you.”

*(Editor’s note: For readers not familiar with the term “fireside chats,” it originated with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the 1930s and 1940s, who addressed the nation via radio while the country struggled through the Great Depression and then World War II.)*

## City reverses its virus prevention policy for market produce

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck’s handling of the coronavirus scare took an unusual path.

The city had ordered markets to cover their produce, which then caused an immediate blowback by some market owners and residents.

The Detroit Free Press even did a story about the policy.

The city has since backed off from that position after Al-Haramain Market complained that the plastic covering led to a 50 percent drop off in sales.

Community activist Nasr Hussain was the first to raise an alarm to The Review about the city’s policy.

“Is there any scientific reason for doing so, or official directions by any health department?” Hussain said in a com-

ment sent to our website. “Were there any studies to show whether covered groceries are safer than uncovered ones? Or is it just the normal way our dysfunctional city is run, on whims and lucky guesses!”

While the virus can survive for hours on surfaces, including plastic, there is little evidence that the virus survives on produce.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention “Food-borne exposure to this virus is not known to be a route of transmission.”

We reached out to Hamtramck City Manager Kathy Angerer about the city’s policy, and here was her reply:

“We cannot turn our grocery stores into sterile environments. we cannot eliminate all risks of disease transmission. we

can only reduce the risk. This is a reasonable measure to do that.

“The order did not mandate plastic draping. it was to require the wrapping of products prior to sale — that may not be practical, and this measure people chose was their accommodation.”

Angerer said the directive went out when it became apparent that market owners weren’t making sure their customers observed the 6-foot social distancing recommendation.

“Two people complained about this. The rest either complied or didn’t,” Angerer said. “I hope they will. The order came out after people weren’t honoring the 6-foot recommendation. We tried to be reasonable.”

### Quick Hits

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still limited. You must first have the testing order prescription from a doctor to receive a test.

To make the appointment for a test after you have obtained a doctor’s written approval, call the CCCN at (313) 230-0505, Monday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

When you do have approval from the CCCN to get your test done at the State Fairgrounds site, you will need to bring a valid ID as well as the written copy of the prescription order.

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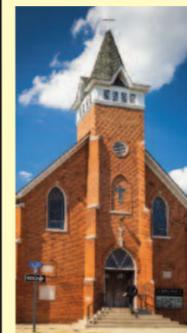
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### From the Superintendent

Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed had this to say about the statewide directive to stay at home during this coronavirus crisis:

“Governor Whitmer has put in place a “Stay Home-Stay Safe” order, effective Tuesday, March 24-Monday, April 13. Our schools and school grounds are closed during this state mandate, for the safety and well-being of all.

“Community members

should adhere to this directive and follow this important guidance. Playground equipment should not be used during this time.”

### Keeping your student busy

The virus scare has everyone spending even more time indoors than they normally would at this time of year.

And that means lots of kids – with lots of time on their hands.

So, you may be wondering, how to amuse the young folk? And, how to

help them stay as safe as possible?

Allow us to offer some suggestions.

First, “sheltering in place,” as the movement is becoming known, doesn’t mean that you can never leave your house. In fact, the idea of getting some natural Vitamin D if the sun is shining, or some nice crisp fresh air instead of stale winter house air, can only be a positive, can’t it?

Think parks, or even a big back yard if you have one.

Plus, the wide-open spaces make it easier to create those 6- to 10-foot social distances we keep hearing about.

The main idea, when outside with your kids, is to keep everyone dressed warm, and apart from others. Also, watch out for anyone touching commonly handled surfaces such as benches, picnic table tops, and so on.

Gloves are a great idea. But remember you still should keep the gloves disinfected, especially before you touch the area around your nostrils and mouth.

Now, once you’re indoors to stay, well, let’s run down the obvious stuff first. Wipe down

that TV remote, especially if everyone in the house tends to handle it. Likewise, phones, tablets, video controllers, door knobs and handles, thermostats, and so on.

Dishware will likely tend to get disinfected with dish detergents, so that should be a lesser concern. But faucets, toilet handles, and so on, should be kept disinfected.

Now – how to keep the kids amused, beyond the usual boob tube or video game solutions?

Remember, these are kids who are being told to avoid even each other, meaning even their friends.

Games can be fun, but again, games that involve a lot of pieces or parts that are handled by multiple players may not be best right now. At the very least, wipe down those game pieces.

Or, try old stand-bys like hangman, with everyone keeping track of their own pencils.

Drawing games, creating stories or song lyrics or poems or cartoons where everyone contributes the next line, or a game like Telestrations (where you draw a word phrase and pass it on, to be guessed at) can be a

good time. Again – wipe down surfaces often if you’re passing things amongst yourselves.

Maybe your kid would like to try their hand at some crafts?

There are great books on the internet with dozens and even hundreds of old-timey parlor games, some of which still hold up surprisingly well today. Likewise, there are more card games out there in the world than you could ever believe possible.

How about adopting a new pet or two?

Yes, there may be some challenges with pet food shortages just as with people-related shortages, or with getting in for a vet appointment in the near future. But animals provide amazing companionship and hours of entertainment, especially when they’re young.

Try learning something new off the internet. How about a new instrument? How about improving your vocabulary, or learning to do a crossword, or learning how to fix something around the house or with the car?

Our imaginations are infinite.

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Write to a famous person for an autographed photo – you’ll be surprised how many will oblige you, especially if you include a large, stamped and self-addressed envelope. Try their publisher, if they’ve written a book recently, or the last studio they made a film for.

There are even services that will dig up addresses of celebrities – for a small fee, of course.

Try some new recipes. Start an aquarium, or a terrarium, or an herbarium – maybe you’ll end up with a massive plant collection, to rival the ones in Paris; Kew, England; Hamilton, Ontario; New York City; and St. Petersburg, Russia!

Feeling civic-minded? Ask organizations if they could use any help that can be done from out of the home. These could be political, or animal welfare, or people welfare, or even just helping keep track of local weather for a meteorological society.

But for gosh sakes, don’t just sit there!

By Alan Madlane

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### Virus crisis means changing city hall business as usual

Challenging times require novel solutions.

With everyone under state orders to stay at home, and to observe social distancing from one another when you do have to go out, the city council decided to temporarily end their meetings in city hall.

And they have the blessing of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who issued a directive allowing public bodies to conduct their meetings via teleconferencing during this coronavirus pandemic.

This will allow meet-

ings to take place, but not violate the Open Meetings Act.

The Hamtramck City Council may have been one of the first public bodies in the state to follow the directive, when it held a special meeting a couple of weeks ago.

That meeting was to allow the city administration to make necessary purchases as they arise – such as public safety equipment that is needed to protect our first responders.

All of that can now be done without prior coun-

cil approval.

We know this requires a big trust factor with any administration in any city.

But it is the right thing to do.

If the city administration betrays our trust, or makes an erroneous purchase, the council has the ability to undo that.

We have trust in our city administration not to take advantage of this new arrangement.

It is just the smart and safe thing to do in this time of crisis.

## Other Voices: Guest Editorial

### School superintendent on the passing of State Rep. Robinson

By **Jaleelah Ahmed**

State Rep. Isaac Robinson was a passionate and dedicated leader: he made every effort to build and maintain relationships with the members of communities, businesses and school districts.

He will be remembered for bringing awareness to, and fighting for, everyone's rights. Most recently on March 16 he had a press conference held at the Piast Institute to raise awareness about the need for a moratorium on shut off and for closures and problems with paid sick leave and related is-

sues.

Representative Robinson has led the efforts to bring attention to this humanitarian crisis, and how it impacts our children, our senior citizens and vulnerable populations. He was a man of service, everyone who knew him had tremendous respect and admiration for him.

HPS Board President Mr. Evan Major stated that "Representative Robinson was always on the right side of justice, particularly when it came to standing up for public education, and standing against those trying to dismantle it. It was an honor to see

a public official constantly prioritize the people whose voices were often ignored by our system."

While he was taken from us far too soon, many can attest to the fact that Representative Robinson made a difference in the lives of many people.

The Robinson family's legacy of public service is to be commended. My deepest condolences go out to his family, loved ones and all who knew him. Hamtramck Public Schools will always remember Representative Robinson as a champion for children, their families, staff and community.

## Odds & Ends

**Thanks!...** The Hamtramck Police Department sent out a big thanks, via its Facebook page, to a resident named Amanda for face masks she donated.

Also, the department thanks CATI (Computer Aided Technology Inc.) for its donation of the face shields, and also Atwater Brewery for supplying hand sanitizers.

**Reminder...** Littering has always been a problem in Hamtramck, but folks, this is truly a new low.

There have been reports here, and in the metro area, of people discarding their plastic gloves in parking lots after shopping. One resident even complained that someone threw down a face mask near their residence.

Folks, this not only disgusting, but it can potentially help spread this COVID-19 disease.

**Where's mine?...** And lastly, we received a note from a resident who is upset that the city is not providing free face masks to residents.

There are a couple of reasons for that, and it's not because the city doesn't care, or neglected to think about it.

Instead, it's because face masks are in short supply. Plus, by distributing them to the public, that means there are far fewer for medical people to use.

**Changes...** Those residents who use the RTA bus system to travel to Ann Arbor will want to take note of scheduling changes due to the coronavirus situation.

The RTA (Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan), who partners with The Ride (The Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority) for service between the areas, has is-

sued the following new temporary schedule with reduced hours of service:

Monday – Friday, Westbound (Detroit to Ann Arbor): 5:45 a.m.-5:15 p.m.; Eastbound (Ann Arbor to Detroit): 6 a.m.-5:45 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, Westbound: 11:45 a.m. and 3:45 a.m. only; Eastbound: 9:45 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. only.

Matt Webb, RTA General Manager, says a reduction in demand due to the Stay Home, Stay Safe shelter-in-place order is behind the temporary changes.

"(We) have made the choice to reduce the D2A2 express service hours to match the reduced demand from people staying at home and the closure of many businesses and public facilities," explained Webb.

Those wishing to follow the latest updates on the bus service can go to their website, [www.d2a2.com](http://www.d2a2.com).

## What to do during a quarantine and getting checked up

During this coronavirus pandemic, many folks have questions about what to do.

The National Alliance of Mental Illness offers these tips.

**What assistance programs are available to help?**

Contact your state's department of Public Health or Small Business Services website for local programs that may be set up to provide financial assistance to small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

In some areas, businesses may qualify for low-interest loans and employee retention grants.

General financial assistance:

- Need Help Paying Bills: [www.needhelppayingbills.com](http://www.needhelppayingbills.com) – Provides information on assistance programs, charity organizations, and resources that provide help paying bills, mortgage and debt relief (financial, rent and government assistance).
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## Obituaries

### BUJAK

 Ronald Bujak, 74, was born May 1, 1945, and entered peacefully into eternal life March 27, 2020.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ladislaus Bujak; mother, Petronella Kucindkis (Bujak); and step-son, Lawrence Goralski Jr.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Joyce Bujak; daughter, Ashlee Bujak-Justus (Joseph Justus); step-son, John Goralski; son, Ronald Bujak; daughters, Sandra Bujak, Cecelia Stokes (mother of Ronald and Sandra); brothers, Richard Bujak (Carol), Walter Bujak (Sharon).

Also left to cherish his memory include his grandchildren, Carly

Goralski-Molchan, Lawrence Goralski III, Abby Justus, Madison Justus, Joseph Justus Jr.; great grandchildren, Braxton, Owen, Robert, Gwendolyn; and many nieces and nephews.

Ronald was a resident of Hamtramck for many years and attended Hamtramck High School. He enjoyed sipping coffee, playing chess, checkers and pinnacle with buddies at the Clock Restaurant.

Ronald was an employee at GM and later Chevrolet Gear and Axle. Ronald loved sitting and telling stories to everyone "even if there was a fib or two in there."

He loved to laugh and enjoyed being surrounded by family. He was famous for wearing a cowboy hat and always told people to address him as "cowboy."

Ronald was cremated as he wished and the family will be having a celebration of his life at a later date. The family would like to thank everyone who reached out during this difficult time. Fly High PaPa Ron.

Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

### PINKOS



Loretta Pinkos, 82, died April 1, 2020.

She was preceded in death by her partner, Richard. Mother of Kathy (Walter), Brian (Laureen), Michael (Lisa), David (Cindy), Lisa, and the late Frankie and Sandy.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Ricky, Kristi, Billy, Shannon, Martin, Anthony, Alicia, Noah and Britney and great grandchildren; Alexis, Haley, Aaron, Megan, and David.

A memorial visitation and service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

### VIVODA



Robert Vivoda Jr., 60, died March 9, 2020.

Mr. Vivoda was the son of Robert and the late Carol; step son of Theresa; brother of Valerie, Linda, Jo-Ann, Laura (Clyde), Jerry (Penny), Josh (Nicole), Brett and the late Karen, Ralph, Tom, and Keith; uncle of Crystal, Mariah, Terrie, Mellisa, Jasmine, Ken, Keith, Nate, Jaxon V., JD, Jordan, Jaxon, Doug (Ashley), and Quin-tez.

Visitation was Saturday, March 14, 2020. Arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

## Crime Watch

### Crime-wise, the virus scare has been a deterrent

By Charles Sercombe

There is one good thing to be said of the coronavirus pandemic:

Crime in Hamtramck has gone drastically down. Well, at least what people report to the police department.

During the past two weeks, there have been only two to five crimes reported each day. In a typical week, there are numerous crimes and accidents reported each day, give or take a few.

Of course, it helps that the governor has ordered people to stay at home – except for those performing what is deemed essential work, and for households to get groceries and seek medical help.

With fewer people on the street, there are obviously fewer chances for

crime to occur.

Most appeared not to be serious, but notably, there was a break-in at a pharmacy on Jos. Campau, north of Caniff. Officers chased the suspects, and soon after arrested both a Detroit resident and a resident from Warren.

And also, there was an attempt to rob an armored truck. No details were provided about this incident.

As for non-essential businesses obeying the state's order to shut down, at least two businesses were found to be in violation, and subsequently threatened with being ticketed.

We reached out to Police Chief Anne Moise, but as of press time had not heard back.

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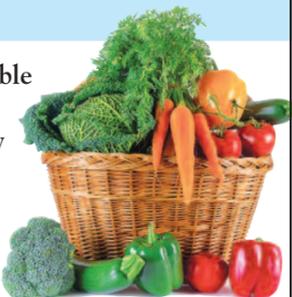
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## By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers March 24-30.

### Tuesday, March 24

- At 11 p.m., a person reported that, while trying to break up a fight, they were stabbed.
- At about 1 a.m., a person was arrested in the 2600 block of Holmes St. for felonious assault.
- A vehicle was stolen from the 2100 block of Caniff Ave.

**Wednesday, March 25**

- A crash happened at Jos. Campau and Holbrook.

**Thursday, March 26**

- A resident reported a malicious destruction of property in the 2000 block of Belmont St.
- A resident reported a theft in the 2200 block of Poland St.
- A juvenile in the 9500

block of McDougall St. was reported to have run away from home.

### Friday, March 27

- At about 3 a.m., a resident reported the theft of their car from in front of their residence.
- Officers noticed that a non-essential business in the 9700 block of Jos. Campau was operating, and closed it down.

**Saturday, March 28**

- A Botsford St. resident reported a theft.
- Officers warned a Jos. Campau business it was violating the governor's directive for all non-essential businesses to close. The business was warned that if it is caught being open again, a ticket would be issued.
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rested in the 2300 block of Danforth St. for assault.

- A resident in the 12000 block of McDougall St. reported that someone attempted to break into their garage.

**Sunday, March 29**

- No criminal activity was reported for this date, but there was a car crash at Caniff and Bufalo.

**Monday, March 30**

- At a little after 9 a.m., officers responded to call

about an attempted robbery of an armored truck. No other details were provided.

- A resident reported being assaulted at Jos. Campau and Evaline.

- A resident in the 2100 block of Trowbridge St. reported that an Amazon package was stolen.

- A resident in the 2900 block of Yemans St. reported an incident of malicious destruction of property.

## Changing behavior will help defeat virus

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are infected and can spread the virus.

Scary? You bet.

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*Walter Wasacz has been in self-quarantine for the past three weeks. He'll be writing about the public health crisis as long as there is one. Follow his photojournal here:*

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## Coming events

**MONDAY, April 27, 9 a.m.** – Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott hosts a free Community Coffee Hour every fourth Monday of the month at Maine Street Restaurant, 11650 Jos. Campau.

**SATURDAY, May 30, 10a.m.-2p.m.** – The annual Health Hike takes place at Pulaski Park (9625 Lumpkin St.), featuring a 5K and 1 mile fun run, face painting, lunch, yoga, raffle drawing and more.



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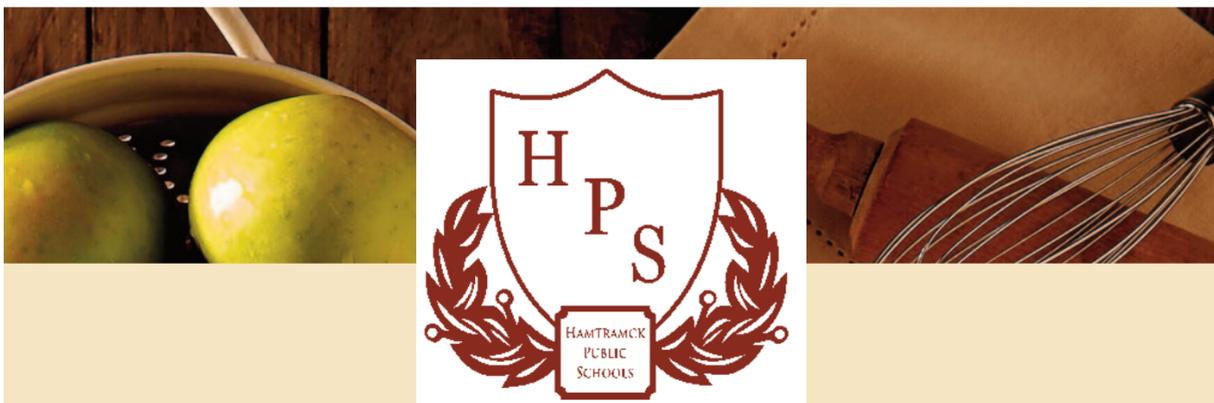
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