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Quick Hits

City income tax deadline extended

By Charles Sercombe

Still haven't prepared your city income taxes? There's no rush now. Normally, they would be due today, Friday, April 30.

But last week Gov. Gretchen Whitmer approved a legislative bill to allow cities with income taxes to extend their deadline to the state and federal deadlines.

All taxes are now due on May 17.

"I'm happy to sign both of these bipartisan bills that give Michiganders more time on their income taxes," said Gov. Whitmer in a press release.

"This has been a challenging time for both individuals and businesses. Moving these tax deadlines to align with changes at the federal level is simply the right thing to do, giving everyone a bit of a buffer and peace of mind as we navigate these extraordinary times."

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

School district maps out a plan on how to spend relief money

By Charles Sercombe

The Hamtramck Public School District has big plans on how to spend its portion of President Biden's COVID-19 relief bill.

About \$35 million worth of plans.

In Biden's first \$1.9 trillion financial aid package, some of which was carved out for schools across the nation.

There is an additional \$2 trillion aid package pending in congress, although getting that approval is going to take a lot of arm twisting for the Biden administration, because most Republicans in the senate – and even a few Democrats – have been opposed to it.

Those who object to the proposal say that it is too big and too expensive.



The Hamtramck Public School District has a number of plans on how to spend federal financial assistance coming this way. One of the goals is to eliminate the portable classrooms at Kosciuszko Middle School.

Biden counters that it is about creating jobs.

The school district recently approved plans on how spend the financial aid coming to HPS.

As of now, the district will spend the equivalent of \$15,000 per student.

High on the to-do list includes: installing air conditioning and heating systems, and new windows for the district's mostly very old schools.

School, for example, is over 100 years old.

"The pandemic has only heightened the need for improvements to our facilities," said school Superintendent Jaleelah Holbrook Elementary

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Candidate list is set for primary

By Charles Sercombe

The Hamtramck mayoral race now has one less challenger that Mayor Karen Majewski has to face.

And that is, The Review Publisher John Ulaj. He dropped out of the race by the deadline on Friday (April 23) for candidates to withdraw.

So, this leaves the following remaining candidates, besides Majewski, for the mayoral race: Saad Almasari, Asm Rahman, and Amer Mahmoud.

Majewski has been in office for 15 years, and there was wide speculation that she would not be seeking re-election. But she told The Review that there are too many current projects and issues for her to walk away from.

"After much reflection, and discussion with many people from across the spectrum of the Hamtramck community, I reached the decision to run for one more term – my final term," Majewski said.

"It's vital that Hamtramck have stable and trusted leadership as we face difficult decisions over the next several years. It's equally important that the mayor of Hamtramck is someone with a proven history of community involvement and outreach across all segments of this diverse city."

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A man was shot to death Saturday afternoon while he was on Conant Ave. He is the city's first homicide of the year. Photo by KZ

Man shot to death on Conant; investigation is ongoing

By Charles Sercombe

The city recorded its first homicide of the year.

On Saturday (April 24) around 4 p.m., gunshots were heard in the area of Conant and Commor.

When officers arrived, they found a man, who had already died from gunshot wounds.

According to one witness who contacted The Review, the body was found on the sidewalk.

The police department is declining to release the name of the victim, citing privacy concerns. The Review has subsequently filed a Freedom of Information Act request.

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School district maps out a plan on how to spend relief money

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Ahmed said in a statement on the district's Facebook page.

"Being one of only 12 states that does not receive any capital for large infrastructural projects forces school districts to go back to our communities. I have expressed this concern with many state leaders, and am so grateful to hear that we will receive relief funds that will allow us to update our buildings."

State officials will have the final say on how the money can be spent. Federal officials want to make sure the financial aid doesn't take the place of existing dollars going to districts.

The district previously attempted to get voter approval for a multi-million-dollar bond that would have gone to updating existing buildings, and also to funding the construction of a new school building.

Voters rejected the proposal, and Ahmed said she has no plans at this time to attempt another proposal.

"As many of you know, we had a bond proposal that did not pass last year, and understanding the challenges of our families we didn't want to go for another bond," Ahmed said.

One of the key areas that the district wants to

concentrate on, with this proposed funding, is getting rid of the temporary classroom trailers parked outside of Kosciuszko Middle School.

Those single-room classrooms have long been an issue with district officials. They were installed about 20 years ago, and were considered temporary until either a new school building could be constructed, or the district could lease a building suitable for education.

Temporary turned into permanent.

"One of the priorities for me as the superintendent of HPS has been to eliminate the used portables

that house 250 students and staff," Ahmed said in her statement.

District officials have also long complained that Michigan is one of 12 states that does not allocate building improvement funds to districts. That has led to Hamtramck having to deal with constant repairs — which often amount to temporary patch work.

Building repairs are not the only thing that the district will concentrate on improving if the relief funding comes through.

"In addition, to improved facilities, we are seeking to expand programming for our students," Ahmed said.

Candidate list is set for primary

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"As the city reaches its 100-year jubilee, we're also working to complete our obligations in the Sarah Garrett R-31 housing discrimination lawsuit, as well as other projects, that I've worked on for too long to walk away from as they reach completion.

"And finally, I find myself energized by this year's field of candidates for city council, who I think have the potential to carry us to a new era of Hamtramck leadership, and I'd like to be a part of that movement forward."

In the council race no one dropped out, with the following candidates to appear on the primary election ballot: Amanda Jazkowski, Adam Albarmaki, Cody Lown, Lynn Blasey, Khalil A. Refai, Armani Asad, Muhith Mahmood, and former councilmember Abu Musa.

Voters may have a problem accepting Armani Asad as a candidate. When he last ran for council, in 2013, he ended up later pleading guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court to a felony charge of illegally handling absentee ballots.

Asad was convicted with three other men. They all received suspended sentences.

The court also allowed the men to have their felo-

ny convictions, which happened in 2014, expunged after five years, meaning they have no record of having been convicted. The internet, however, is forever.

There are three open seats on the city council, since Saad Almasmari opted to run for mayor instead of seeking another term on council, and Councilmembers Andrea Karpinski and Ian Perrotta resigned. Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi decided not to seek re-election.

For those counting the number of open council

seats, Almasmari replaced Karpinski when she resigned last December. Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi decided not to seek re-election.

So far, no one has replaced Perrotta.

The Aug. 3 primary election will reduce the number of mayoral candidates to two, and the council race will go down to six.

Those candidates who survive the primary election will then face off in the November General Election.

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FY 21-22 Budget Notice and Public Hearing

On Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm., the Hamtramck City Council held the first reading of the proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 budget via a virtual meeting. The City Council will hold a public hearing and second reading of the proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 budget on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm, via a virtual meeting.

The proposed budget is available for inspection on the City of Hamtramck website. The property millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The City of Hamtramck website (hamtramck.us) has information regarding virtual City Council meetings and budget information.

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This week at the Library . . .

Reading is a Superpower!: That is the theme for this year's Spring Children's Book Week, taking place May 3rd to 9th. Visit everychildareader.net/cbw/spring-2021/ to get in on the action. There are step by step drawing instructions from children's book illustrators, Superpower Challenge activity sheets for discovering your own powers, and so much more. Don't forget to check out the booklists (organized by subject and age groups) so your reading powers don't fall behind!

GetSetUp Learning Platform: Still trying to get used to navigating online? The GetSetUp learning platform has partnered with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to provide Michigan seniors with access to a number of free online classes and virtual social meet ups. Learn how to set up an email account, change settings on your device, take part in video conferencing, and more. Visit getsetup.io/partner/michigan to see all that is being offered. To waive any course fees, use promo code MICHIGAN-HEALTH.

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Art and Culture during the month of May. Exciting performances that you can screen at home, concerts, films, dances, puppetry and more will stream on DIA's Facebook and You Tube channel. Visit DIA.org/apahm2021 for the full schedule.

Mother's Day: May is just around the corner, so you know what that means. That's right, we are talking about Mother's Day! Come in to grab a foam heart that is perfect for decorating and giving to Mom on her special day, May 9th.

Hamtramck Library is operating as "Grab and Go" until further notice: - This service includes book pick-ups, remote printing, faxing and scanning. Computers will not be available for use until further notice. Please send attachments you want printed to hamtramcklibrary@gmail.com. Browse our catalog at home. If we have the title, please call 313-733-6822, and we will set it aside for you to pick up.

What book is stolen most often from libraries?: The statistics show that the Guinness Book of Records is the book that is most often stolen from the Public Libraries.

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The library is located at 2360 Caniff Avenue.

Second Front Page

Mayor: Get vaccinated so we can 'return to the real world'

By Charles Sercombe

The COVID-19 surge in Hamtramck is still going strong.

In her weekly Facebook talk to the community, Mayor Karen Majewski once again was tasked with presenting the ongoing grim news of new cases appearing in Hamtramck.

"Our numbers are still high, but not quite as high as last week," Majewski said in her Monday morning address.

To be exact, there were 102 new cases this past week. The previous week, there were 110, and the week before that, there were 122 cases.

At one time, the number of new cases was in the teens – that is, until about a month ago, when Michigan was hit with a wave of new cases.

The state is now experiencing one of worst COVID outbreaks in the nation.

Seven other states are also currently experiencing a serious increase in cases: Minnesota, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Rhode Island, Florida, Colorado, and even the US territory of

Puerto Rico.

It's being blamed on new strains emerging, and more people getting together in bars and restaurants.

The number of deaths from the disease remains at 45 for the year, but the mayor said she is aware of one or two more that occurred during the past week that Wayne County health authorities did not record.

Wayne County is where Majewski gets her weekly COVID updates.

One of the most recent deaths is that of Arnett Johnson, who was well-known in the community.

He was 69 years old. A visitation will be held today, Friday (April 30), at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff Ave, from 2 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will also be held at the funeral home on Saturday (May 1) at 4 p.m.

There is some good news the mayor said. There are more places to get vaccinations, and they are now open to people who are 16 years and older.

That prompted Majewski to say: "Let's get vac-

inated, and return to the real world."

(Editor's note: Hamtramck to re-enter the real world? How? When was it ever in it?)

The mayor then ran down her weekly information on assistance programs.

Here are just some of the locations where those 16 years and older can get a vaccination:

- Wayne County Healthy Communities, 9021 Jos. Campau. (313) 871-1926, extension 6.

- Ford Field has daily appointments. Visit clinic.meijer.com/register/ci2021, or text ENDCOVID to 75049, or call (888) 535-6136 ext. 1. There is free parking and transportation is available.

- Meijer Pharmacies: text COVID to 75049, or visit clinic.meijer.com, or call the pharmacy location you are interested in.

- Some CVS and Rite-Aid locations also have vaccine available.

Financial aid for those in need includes:

- Funeral assistance for the families of COVID victims is available through the federal agency FEMA. This is a reimbursement

for funeral expenses after January 20th, 2020. Call (844) 684-6333.

- A COVID Emergency Rental Assistance Program is available to help with rent, utilities, etc. For more information, call (866) 313-2520 and follow the phone tree. Or go online to: michigan.gov

- Wayne County now has a program offering grants for home rehab for those eligible. For an application, go online to <https://hamtramck.us/home-rehab-applications/>

Majewski also asked for patience with the ongoing Caniff rebuild project that has closed off the street from the I-75 service drive to Jos. Campau.

It's going to be like this for a few months.

"That's the cost of progress," said the mayor "We'll love it when it's done, and we'll complain about it until then."

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Housing developers have until today to bid on city lots

By Charles Sercombe

The deadline to bid on a city-owned lot has been extended.

Unfortunately, the extension ends today, Friday, April 30, at 4 p.m.

The city has 80 lots that it is auctioning. There is a catch to the process: Purchasers have to develop a housing unit at the location, which could be a single-family house or a multi-dwelling.

The minimum bid for a 30-by-60-foot lot is \$10,000. If that sounds like too small a space in which to build, it is the typical size of existing single- and double-family houses you find in Hamtramck.

The city initially had a bidding deadline of April 23.

Successful bidders will

have a year to show that a development is indeed underway, or the city will be able to reclaim the lot.

Extensions will be allowed if development is moving forward.

Proceeds from the sale are required, per state order, to be put into the city's pension system, which is currently underfunded.

However, the city will also then collect revenue from property and income taxes.

According to a study performed for the city, it is projected that the housing market would support the sale of 10 housing units per year.

Most of Hamtramck's current housing stock was built before 1939, according to the city.

At one time, the city's population was around 50,000 people. Over time, as residents moved to the suburbs, the population has dwindled down to about 22,000.

A number of the houses that once stood on these lots have fallen victim to arson or abandonment, which then required razing the structures. The southend suffered the most from the loss of housing stock.

Applications, with explanations of the requirements to purchase lots are available on the city's website.

The bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, and can be dropped off at a drop box located outside of city hall.

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City clerk takes a new job in the suburbs

By Charles Sercombe

These are the last few weeks for City Clerk August Gitschlag.

He's been hired by the City of Clawson to be its new full-time city clerk.

Gitschlag is well-known in town and, for many residents, has been the face of the city – at least when they come to city hall.

"There is not a single City Clerk in the State of Michigan who has the experiences that I have had here, and I am a better public servant as a result," he said in his resignation letter, submitted to City Manager Kathy Angerer.

"I have worked alongside some of the most dedicated public employees, police officers, firefighters, and department heads in the business, and I am forever grateful for their support and guidance."

Gitschlag has been clerk for seven years, and during those years there have been a number of stormy council meetings, with some members yelling at each other, and others walking out of meetings.

In other words, normal council meetings for Hamtramck.

He leaves Hamtramck after May 21. His new job offers a considerable salary boost – something that Hamtramck could not match because of the ongoing financial crisis.

Clawson also operates on a four-day work week, which is another perk for



August Gitschlag

Gitschlag.

And for those curious, yes, Gitschlag will continue to bartend and host at Whiskey in the Jar on most Friday evenings.

Here is what he had to say in his resignation letter to the city manager:

"It is with a heavy heart that I submit my resignation from the City of Hamtramck. Per the terms of my contract, my last day will be May 21, 2021.

"Please accept my deepest gratitude for all that you and our colleagues have done for me during my tenure here. I consider you a mentor on both a professional and personal level, and I am blessed to have had a front row seat to see the positive changes that have come to Hamtramck as a direct result of your leadership.

"Serving as the Hamtramck City Clerk has been the most challenging and rewarding seven years of my life. It has introduced me to hundreds of people, fostered countless friendships, and helped me grow not only professionally but personally, and I owe that

mostly to you, Kathy.

"There is not a single City Clerk in the State of Michigan who has the experiences that I have had here, and I am a better public servant as a result. I have worked alongside some of the most dedicated public employees, police officers, firefighters, and department heads in the business, and I am forever grateful for their support and guidance.

"I would like to acknowledge the friendship and support of Mayor Karen Majewski, and all the City Council members past and present that I have had the honor of serving. I love and adore the City of Hamtramck, and I cannot wait to see the great things you have in store for the future.

"Finally, I want to reassure you that Hamtramck will remain a large part of my life. I shall remain on the Board of Directors of the Detroit Friendship House. I will loyally attend DCFC games, hold the annual Magnum PI and Tracksuit charity events, pay my dues to PLAV Post 6, and win Fowling tournaments.

"And of course, I will always look forward to being pelted with water balloons during the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival Canoe Races while dressed as a pirate."

City Manager Kathy Angerer said the position is posted on the city's website for those interested in applying.

City hall critic is next in line to fill council vacancy

By Charles Sercombe

It's official.

At a special meeting, prior to the regular council meeting on Tuesday, the council officially accepted Councilmember Ian Perrotta's resignation, and declared his seat vacant.

What the council did not do was name his replacement.

That offer will go, through the city administration, to the runner-up in the last council election, which is Carrie Beth Lasley.

Lasley told The Review that she will accept the appointment.

Perrotta's letter was over 2,200 words long, and outlined a number of grievances he had with some fellow councilmembers – particularly Councilmember Mohammed Hassan.

Last year, Hassan started a recall petition against Perrotta, and claimed he had more than enough signatures to trigger a recall election.

However, he never followed through, and he has not returned repeated phone calls to comment on the matter.

In a press release issued by Hassan last September, he explained the reason for the recall.

"As a matter of principle, elected officials do not support recalls," Hassan said in his press release. "But Mr. Perrotta



Carrie Beth Lasley

is a special case. He had shown, repeatedly, an inability to contain his anger. This has created an unsafe environment in city hall, and in our community."

Perrotta had this to say about the recall effort, in his resignation letter: "It was almost as if the whole thing was a sham, a nasty calculated move designed to denigrate my name and reputation ..."

He also said that there have been ongoing attacks on his reputation, and that it had come to a point where enough was enough.

He had previously been censured twice by a bare majority of councilmembers – the first time for allegedly threatening a councilmember in a closed meeting, and the second time for his verbal attack on a city employee with whom he was having a heated discussion about a private zoning dispute he had.

Perrotta denied ever

threatening anyone, but did admit to using "cuss" words while talking with the city employee. That employee has since moved on to another job in another city.

The sting of the censures and the recall effort had apparently taken their toll.

"Sometimes when life hands you lemons the juice just isn't worth the squeeze. The fruit of this poisonous tree that is Hamtramck politics has soured my taste for public service and proven too toxic to continue to tolerate," Perrotta said in his letter.

Perrotta is the second councilmember to resign in recent months. Last December, Andrea Karpinski resigned abruptly after a number of her resolutions were rejected by a bare majority of councilmembers.

Perrotta's replacement, Carrie Beth Lasley, has been a vocal critic of the city administration and public officials.

While she says she will fill the vacant council seat, she did not file to run in the primary election, in which there are three wide-open council seats.

At the Tuesday meeting, she said she will concentrate on "progressive police reforms," and "making document requests."

And, she added, she will not be like Perrotta and "talk and talk and talk."

Man shot to death on Conant; investigation is ongoing

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mation Act request for the man's name.

According to Police Chief Anne Moise, witnesses saw a suspect flee from the area in a light-colored vehicle.

Detectives have been working on the case since Saturday, and according to one source, they are "actively following leads."

There was speculation in the community, via social media, on whether this shooting was related to the shooting of two men the day before, on Friday, on Hasse St. in the Detroit neighborhood just east of Jayne Park, which neighbors Hamtramck.

One of the two men died in that shooting.

Some witnesses to the Hamtramck shooting were saying that it was a drive-by. Multiple bullet casings were found next to the body, including from at least one round that went through a nearby store window.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Hamtramck Police Department at (313) 800-5281.

Anyone with information about the Detroit shootings can call the Detroit Police Department's Homicide Unit at (313) 596-2260, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-Speak Up.



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In Our Opinion

Addressing street harassment should start in the schools

It's been happening for years in Hamtramck.

Specifically, street harassment of women.

Whether it's catcalls or aggressive sexual propositioning, generations of Hamtramck women have experienced this verbal assault.

There are, of course, plenty of other towns where this happens. Why it seems so prominent here maybe has to do with how compact and concentrated the city is, and the fact that we all do a great of walking about town.

Recently, the issue gained renewed atten-

tion via Hamtramck social media – mainly Facebook.

A number of women have stepped forward and offered their experiences, and a number of Zoom meetings have been held to further address the issue.

Former Councilmember Ian Perrotta proposed a resolution to address the issue, but it was postponed after several women objected to what the resolution could lead to: giving police officers the green light to harass minorities.

Perrotta resigned after the brought the resolu-

tion put on hold.

At this Tuesday's council meeting, a modified version of his resolution was passed.

While further action waits, it seems one way to also approach this issue is through our schools. Education at an early age seems like a good starting point.

That will take coordination between city and school officials, and it's been proven in the past that partnership has been fruitful.

Stamping out this behavior starts with our youth.

Odds & Ends

Condolences... There have been over 40 Hamtramck residents who lost their lives to COVID-19.

Arnett Johnson became yet another victim of this hideous disease.

Mr. Johnson was well known in the community, and was an all-around friend to all.

Out thoughts go out to his family.

For more information about funeral services, go to page 8 of this issue.

Mail delay?... We received a phone call from the good folks over at the Polish Art Center, who wondered if anyone had noticed an interruption of mail delivery this past week, or even the week prior.

We turned to the postal service's spokesperson, Elizabeth Najdich (who is a Communications Specialist), who said this in an email reply:

"The Postal Service appreciates its customers and always strives to provide the best possible service to them. We

apologize for any inconvenience that may be experienced by customers in the Hamtramck area.

"We are utilizing our available resources to match the workload created by the impacts of the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

"We appreciate the patience of our customers and the efforts of employees as conditions change on a day-to-day basis."

So ... we're going to interpret that as a "yes," there were some days the mail didn't get delivered.

Motorbikin'... Warm weather season is here, and that means motorcyclists will be back on the streets.

May just happens to be "Motorcycle Safety Awareness" month.

The Michigan Press Association, of which The Review is a member, has this to say about the awareness campaign:

"Many motorcycle advocacy groups around the world use the slogan, 'Look Twice - Save a Life.

Motorcycles Are Everywhere.'

"ABATE of Michigan, Inc. is a non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to preserving motorcyclist's rights and promoting safe operating practices of all Michigan motorcyclists. ABATE has been fighting for motorcyclists' rights in Michigan since 1975.

"In 2016, ABATE worked with Michigan legislators to pass a bill that increased fees and penalties for operating a motorcycle without the proper endorsement. Yet unendorsed motorcyclists continue to be a real problem in Michigan. ..."

The MPA went on to say:

"From 2015 to 2019 within Michigan there have been more than 7,000 motorcycle-automobile crashes. The fact that over 80% of these accidents happen with automobile drivers violating a motorcyclist's right of way, by making a left turn in front of the rider."

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

A farewell letter from the city clerk

**By August Gitschlag
Hamtramck City Clerk**

The following is City Clerk August Gitschlag's resignation letter sent to City Manager Kathy Angerer:

It is with a heavy heart that I submit my resignation from the City of Hamtramck. Per the terms of my contract, my last day will be May 21st, 2021.

Please accept my deepest gratitude for all that you and our colleagues have done for me during my tenure here.

I consider you a mentor on both a professional and personal level, and I am blessed to have had a front row seat to see the positive changes that have come to Hamtramck as a direct result of your leadership.

Serving as the Hamtramck City Clerk has been

the most challenging and rewarding seven years of my life. It has introduced me to hundreds of people, fostered countless friendships, and helped me grow not only professionally but personally, and I owe that mostly to you Kathy.

There is not a single City Clerk in the State of Michigan who has the experiences that I have had here, and I am a better public servant as a result. I have worked alongside some of the most dedicated public employees, police officers, firefighters, and department heads in the business and I am forever grateful for their support and guidance.

I would like to acknowledge the friendship and support of Mayor Karen Majewski, and all the City Council members past

and present that I have had the honor of serving. I love and adore the City of Hamtramck, and I cannot wait to see the great things you have in store for the future.

Finally, I want to reassure you that Hamtramck will remain a large part of my life. I shall remain on the Board of Directors of the Detroit Friendship House. I will loyally attend DCFC games, hold the annual Magnum PI and Tracksuit charity events, pay my dues to PLAV Post 6, and win Fowling tournaments.

And of course, I will always look forward to being pelted with water balloons during the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival Canoe Races while dressed as a pirate.

Parents are reminded about threats of school violence

**By Kym Worthy
Wayne County Prosecutor**

As students begin to return to school for in-person classes, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office is encouraging all parents/guardians to have a conversation with your school-age children regarding an issue that has become all too prevalent, namely threats to commit school violence.

As periodic school shootings have become an unfortunate reality across the country, these incidents are naturally publicized in the news and social media.

Experience has taught us that the publicity of these school shooting events often prompts a small subset of students to make similar type threats against their schools, teachers, and/or fellow classmates. In many of these cases, the student who made the threat tells investigators that they were "just joking" and seem genuinely shocked by how serious the consequences are for making the threat.

Often, they make the threat thinking that it is not a big deal as long as they did not plan to actually carry it out. Michigan law, however, makes it a crime to communicate a threat, even if the person making the threat did not

have the intent or the capability of actually carrying it out.

When a threat is made, we cannot immediately know whether the threat is a serious threat, or whether the threat is meant to be a so-called prank.

Therefore, we in the law enforcement community must take seriously every threat, because to not do so would be to put your child at risk and the community at risk, and we simply cannot take that chance.

My office takes these cases extremely seriously, not only because of the need to keep your child and the community safe, but also because of the disruption of the school environment and the significant expenditure of resources by the school and by law enforcement that even a "prank" threat causes.

Please talk with your children. Help them understand that their words can have lifelong consequences. Students can be charged with crimes such as False Threat of Terrorism or Threat of Terrorism.

A new law enacted in 2018 also makes it a crime to Threaten to Commit Violence Against Students or Employees on School Property.

These crimes can result in sentences up to 10 or

20 years in prison for an adult. It is worth noting that many seniors in high school are already 17 or older, which legally makes them an adult in the State of Michigan.

In addition to the potential legal consequences, such charges may: affect a student's ability to get federal financial aid for college; cause them to lose college scholarships; cause them to be denied college admission; and result in them having to disclose pending cases or criminal convictions on job applications.

We know that in past school shootings, the individuals involved usually shared their plans with one or more of their peers, before they acted on those plans.

Therefore, it is critical that you also encourage your children to report any threats that they hear about (including threats posted via social media, texts, emails, etc.) so that these tragic situations can be prevented before they have a chance to start.

Stress to your children that reporting could be life-saving and that it is "always better to be safe than sorry."

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for working with my office to keep your children and our community safe.

— PUBLIC NOTICE —

Please note that the Hamtramck Health Center on **9021 Joseph Campau** is providing the **FREE Covid 19 vaccination services for those 65+.** Exceptions can be made if under 65, but you need to call first.

All must call 313-871-1926 to make an appointment.

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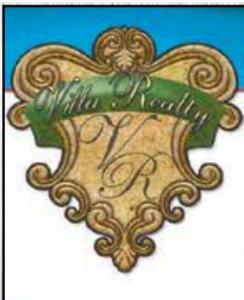
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Arrests made in Hamtramck High School bomb threat

By Charles Sercombe

Two Detroit teens were arrested in connection with a bomb threat at Hamtramck High School on Tuesday afternoon.

On Wednesday afternoon, Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise released this announcement:

"Thanks to the hard work of Hamtramck Police Detectives and the great work and partnership with Hamtramck Public Schools, I am relieved to report that two male juveniles from Detroit were identified and arrested today as being involved in the bomb threat that was called in to Hamtramck High School yesterday.

"Information will be submitted to Wayne County Juvenile Court for further steps in this matter."

Hamtramck High School had to be evacuated Tuesday afternoon after a bomb threat was called in.

Bomb threats happen in the Hamtramck schools once in a great while, and they usually turn out to be pranks.

This one was no exception.

But the police department has to take each threat seriously. At about 3 p.m., Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed said a "young male called, laughing, and made the threat. We take all threats seriously, and acted accordingly."



Police officers investigated a bomb threat at Hamtramck High School. A police dog was used to detect whether a bomb was indeed there. It turned out to be a hoax.

The Michigan State Police bomb squad was called in to help investigate. A police dog trained in detecting bombs walked through the school and around the outside of building, as well as around the community center next door to the school.

Police Chief Anne Moise said that nothing was found.

"Hamtramck Police want to remind everyone to have conversations with family members about the seriousness of these threats, and that they will be thoroughly investigated," Moise told

for further action."

The high school now has in-person classroom learning during the morning, and other activities in the afternoon.

The bomb threat also caused both Horizon High School and the Early Childhood Elementary School to close down for the day.

The investigation took over two hours, and also forced officers to close off Caniff between McDougall and Gallagher during the investigation. This further contributed to traffic congestion, in addition to that from the Caniff rebuild project that is happening between the I-75 service drive and Jos. Campau.

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مع بدء العام الدراسي الجديد، فإن مكتب الادعاء العام بمقاطعة وين يشجع آباء الطلاب وأولياء أمورهم على إجراء حوارات مع أبنائهم، من جميع الأعمار، حول مسألة أصبحت متفشية للغاية، ألا وهي التهديد بارتكاب أعمال عنف في المدارس.

إن حوادث إطلاق النار في المدارس أصبحت -بشكل أسف- واقعاً متكرراً في جميع أنحاء البلاد، وأخبار هذه الحوادث يتم نشرها بشكل طبيعي في وسائل الإعلام وشبكات التواصل الاجتماعي. ولقد علمتنا التجارب أن نشر ذلك النوع من الأخبار يشجع مجموعات صغيرة من الطلاب على القيام بإطلاق تهديدات مماثلة ضد مدارسهم أو معلمهم أو زملائهم، أو ضد مجتمعهم. وفي الكثير من الحالات، غالباً ما يخبر أصحاب تلك التهديدات المحققين بأنهم كانوا يمزحون وحسب، ويظهرون مصدومين من مدى خطورة عواقب تهديداتهم.

وهؤلاء غالباً ما يطلقون التهديدات معتقدين أنها لن تشكل مشكلة كبيرة، طالما أنهم لم يخططوا لتنفيذها بالفعل، ومع ذلك، فإن قانون ميشيغن يعتبر التهديد جريمة حتى ولو أن صاحبه ليس لديه النية أو القدرة على تنفيذه.

عندما يطلق تهديد ما، فلا يمكننا -على الفور- معرفة ما إذا كان ذلك التهديد يمثل خطراً أم لا. ولذلك، فعلىنا في وكالات إنفاذ القانون أن نأخذ كل تهديد على محمل الجد، لأن عدم قيامنا بذلك سيضع أطفالنا، وكامل المجتمع، في دائرة الخطر، ونحن -بشكل بسيط- لا يمكننا المجازفة بذلك.

إن مكتبي يعتبر مثل هذه الحالات خطيرة للغاية، ليس لكونها تهدد فقط سلامة أطفالنا وسلامة المجتمع، وإنما لكونها تتسبب أيضاً بتشويش وإرباك البيئة المدرسية، ولأنها تزيد بشكل كبير من إنفاق الموارد في المدارس ووكالات إنفاذ القانون.

ولهذا، فإنني أرجوكم أن تتحدثوا مع أطفالكم وأن تساعدوهم على فهم أن لأقوالهم وأفعالهم آثار يمكن أن تدوم مدى الحياة. إن مطلق التهديدات يمكن أن يواجهوا اتهامات بارتكاب جرائم، مثل "التهديد الإرهابي الزائف" أو "التهديد الإرهابي"، بمقتضى قانون صدر في العام الماضي، يعتبر التهديدات بارتكاب أعمال عنف ضد الطلاب أو الموظفين في المدارس جرائم قد تقضي بالبالغين إلى عقوبات بالسجن تتراوح بين 10-20 عاماً. وإن الكثيرين من طلاب المرحلة الثانوية، هم في سن الـ 17 أو أكبر، مما يجعلهم قانونياً في ولاية ميشيغن ضمن في عداد البالغين.

بالإضافة إلى العواقب القانونية المحتملة، فقد تؤثر تلك الاتهامات على إمكانية حصول الطلاب المطلقين للتهديدات على المساعدات المالية الفدرالية في المرحلة الجامعية، وقد تتسبب في حرمانهم من المنح الدراسية الجامعية، فضلاً عن أنها قد تؤثر على قدرتهم في الحصول على وظائف في المستقبل.

حوادث إطلاق النار التي جرت في الماضي، علمتنا أن الأفراد عادة ما يتشاركون خططهم مع واحد من أقرانهم، أو أكثر، قبل أن يبادروا إلى تنفيذ تهديداتهم. لذلك، فمن الأهمية البالغة أن تشجعوا أبنائكم على الإبلاغ عن التهديدات التي يسمعون بها (بما في ذلك التهديدات التي تنشر في وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي، والرسائل النصية، والرسائل الإلكترونية، وغيرها) حتى تتمكن من منع تلك الحوادث المأساوية، قبل أن يجد المهددون الفرصة لتنفيذ خططهم.

أكدوا لأطفالكم أن الإبلاغ عن تلك التهديدات، يمكن أن يساهم في إنقاذ أرواح الكثيرين، وأنه دائماً من "الأفضل أن تكون آمنين بدل أن تكون مفجوعين".

شكراً لكم، لحرصكم الوقت على قراءة هذه الرسالة، وشكراً لتعاونكم مع مكتبي للحفاظ على سلامة أطفالكم وسلامة كامل المجتمع.

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যখন কোনও হুমকি দেওয়া হয়, তখন আমরা তাত্ক্ষণিকভাবে জানতে পারি না যে এই হুমকিটি গুরুতর হুমকি কিনা, বা হুমকিটি তথাকথিত ছদ্মবেশ হিসাবে বোঝানো হয়েছে কিনা। অতএব, আইন প্রয়োগকারী সম্প্রদায়ের আমাদের অবশ্যই প্রতিটি হুমকিকে গুরুত্ব সহকারে নিতে হবে, কারণ এটি না করা আপনার শিশুকে এবং সম্প্রদায়কে ঝুঁকির মধ্যে ফেলে দেওয়া হবে এবং আমরা কেবল সেই সুযোগটি নিতে পারি না। আমার অফিস এই মামলাগুলিকে অত্যন্ত গুরুত্ব সহকারে বিবেচনা করে, কেবলমাত্র আপনার শিশু এবং সম্প্রদায়কে সুরক্ষিত রাখার প্রয়োজনের কারণে নয়, তবে বিদ্যালয়ের পরিবেশ ব্যাহত হওয়ার কারণে এবং বিদ্যালয়ের দ্বারা সম্পদগুলির উল্লেখযোগ্য ব্যয় এবং আইন প্রয়োগের কারণেও যে "খোঁচা" হুমকির কারণ।

আপনার বাচ্চাদের সাথে কথা বলুন। তাদের কথায় আজীবন পরিণতি হতে পারে তা বুঝতে তাদের সহায়তা করুন। ছাত্রদের বিরুদ্ধে সন্ত্রাসবাদের মিথ্যা হুমকি বা সন্ত্রাসবাদের হুমকির মতো অপরাধের অভিযোগ আনা যেতে পারে। ২০১৮ সালে প্রণীত একটি নতুন আইন স্কুল সম্পত্তিতে শিক্ষার্থী বা কর্মচারীদের বিরুদ্ধে সহিংসতা করার হুমকি দেওয়াও অপরাধ হিসাবে চিহ্নিত করেছে। এই অপরাধগুলির ফলে একজন প্রাপ্তবয়স্ক ব্যক্তির জন্য ১০ বা ২০ বছর পর্যন্ত কারাদণ্ড হতে পারে। এটি লক্ষণীয় যে হাইস্কুলের অনেক সিনিয়র ইতিমধ্যে রয়েছে ১৭ বা তার বেশি বয়সের যা মিশিগান রাজ্যে আইনত তাদের প্রাপ্তবয়স্ক করে তোলে। সম্ভাব্য আইনী পরিণতি ছাড়াও, এই জাতীয় চার্জগুলি: কলেজের জন্য ফেডারেল আর্থিক সহায়তা পাওয়ার কোনও শিক্ষার্থীর ক্ষমতাকে প্রভাবিত করতে পারে; তাদের কলেজের বৃত্তি হারাতে; তাদের কলেজে ভর্তি হতে অস্বীকার করা; এবং ফলস্বরূপ তাদের চাকরির আবেদনে বিচারাধীন মামলা বা ফৌজদারি দোষ প্রকাশ করতে হবে।

আমরা জানি যে বিদ্যালয়ের অতীতে গুলি চালানোর সময়, জড়িত ব্যক্তির সাধারণত তাদের পরিকল্পনাগুলি তাদের এক বা একাধিক সমবয়সীদের সাথে ভাগ করে নেয়, তারা সেই পরিকল্পনাগুলিতে অভিনয় করার আগে। অতএব, এটি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ যে আপনি আপনার বাচ্চাদের তারা যে কোনও হুমকির বিষয়ে শুনেছেন (যেগুলি সামাজিক যোগাযোগ মাধ্যম, পাঠ্য, ইমেল ইত্যাদির মাধ্যমে পোস্ট করা হুমকি সহ) প্রতিবেদন করতে উত্সাহিত করুন যাতে এই করুণ পরিস্থিতি শুরু হওয়ার আগে তাদের রোধ করা যায়। আপনার বাচ্চাদের প্রতি চাপ দিন যে রিপোর্ট করা জীবন রক্ষাকারী হতে পারে এবং "দুঃখের চেয়ে নিরাপদ থাকা সবসময় ভাল"।

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers April 20-26.

Tuesday, April 20

• Children's Protective Services filed a complaint. No other details were provided.

• A theft was reported in the 2600 block of Holbrook Ave.

Wednesday, April 21

• At 2 a.m., a resident reported that items were stolen from their vehicle while it was parked on Nagel St.

• A Florian St. resident reported being the victim of fraud. A Holmes St. resident also reported being the victim of fraud.

Thursday, April 22

• No criminal activity was reported on this day.

Friday, April 23

• At 1 a.m., a suspect was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

• A ski mask and handgun were recovered in the 2000 block of Yemans St. The items were related to an earlier arrest.

• A person reported that items were stolen from his car while it was parked in the 3000 block of Doremus St.

• A resident was arrested for an assault that took place at Norwalk and Lumpkin.

• A theft occurred in the

3800 block of Prescott St.

Saturday, April 24

• At 12:30 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving.

• A Dequindre St. resident reported that their vehicle was stolen.

• A St. Aubin St. resident was arrested for domestic violence.

• A resident was arrested for driving without a license, and for possessing "dangerous" drugs.

• Officers investigated a shooting at Conant and Commor. A man was found shot to death on Conant. No further details were provided.

• A resident reported being carjacked at gunpoint.

• A Detroit resident reported that someone stole his gun from his car.

Sunday, April 25

• A resident of Sterling Heights reported that his vehicle was stolen while it was parked in the 3300 block of Norwalk St.

• At almost 3 a.m., a resident of Warren was arrested after a traffic accident for drunk driving.

• A resident of Sterling Heights reported a suspicious situation.

Monday, April 26

• A Detroit resident was arrested for possessing and concealing stolen items.

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Coming Events

ONGOING – The Hamtramck Health Center, 9021 Jos. Campau, is providing the free COVID-19 vaccination services for those 50 and older. Call (313) 871-1926 to make an appointment.

SATURDAY, May 1, 9:30 a.m. – A communitywide cleanup will take place. Volunteers are asked to meet up at city hall. Be sure to bring gloves.

SATURDAY, May 8, 2-4 p.m. – Take-out Only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!



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Obituaries

JOHNSON



Arnett R Johnson, 69, died April 23, 2021.

Arnett Johnson was the loving husband of Vickie; father of Tabetha, Brandon, Andrew, Arron, and Sean Caudill and Ashley Johnson. Arnett was preceded in death by his parents, Anech and Velma Johnson. He was also grandfather to Kiley, Kensley, Nissah, Roxanne, Kimora, Akari and Phoenix; brother of Michael, Ericka, and Lisa Gaye Johnson. Arnett is also survived by his extended daughter Kira McKinley.

Visitation is Friday, from 2-8 p.m., with Funeral service Saturday at 4 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212. Private Cremation to follow.

WISEE



Gregory Allen Visee (a.k.a. Kegger), 49, died April 26, 2021.

Mr. Visee was in a fatal car accident on April 26, 2021. Greg was born on July 6, 1971 in Park Ridge, IL. He was the beloved son of Linda Mueller and the late Robert Visee; brother

of Robert Thomas (Sharon), Paul Christopher (Laurie), and Ann Marie (Chris) Warman; uncle of Joshua, Benjamin, and Luella.

Greg was a beautiful child of God; a humble, kind, creative spirit with a forgiving heart and a gift to us all. He was a hard-working optimist and made a lasting impression on everyone he met. He lit up any room he walked into and always knew how to make you smile with just a few words. Greg's benevolent nature shined through to all he touched; he saw good in people and told them. If we all could be like Greg, the world would be a better place.

Greg believed in a city that was disadvantaged and always had faith that Detroit would prosper again. His entrepreneurial ideas were endless and those he shared with would take great joy in seeing his eyes light up as he talked about his visions. Greg kept his cool under pressure, always worked hard and encompassed what a good person should be.

Despite the physical pain Greg endured and internalized throughout his life, he always smiled through it, and remained strong and resolute, as if he were on top of the world.

Greg valued his family and friends most amongst

everything else. He will be remembered and forever missed by the people whose lives he touched, and the special light he

brought to everyone he met will live on. You will live on forever in our hearts. Love is stronger than death.



School Bell

From the Superintendent

Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed recently posted this statement on the district's Facebook page about the federal financial assistance coming to the district:

"One of the priorities for me as the superintendent of HPS has been to eliminate the used portables that house 250 students and staff. In addition, to improved facilities, we are seeking to expand programming for our students.

"As many of you know, we had a bond proposal that did not pass last year and understanding the challenges our families we didn't want to go for another bond.

"The pandemic has only heightened the need for improvements to our facilities. Being one of only 12 states that does not receive any capital for large infrastructural

projects forces school districts to go back to our communities. I have expressed this concern with many state leaders and am so grateful to hear that we will receive relief funds that will allow us to update our buildings.

"Taking many things from the 2020 Bond, like the HVAC and windows, this will be the first part of the infrastructural improvements. The board of education approved the plans on March and we have started the next steps.

"We are truly grateful for receiving the funding that our students and staff deserve. The district is working on a comprehensive plan and will share with the public when the plan is ready.

"Thank you to our amazing HPS students, families, staff and community for all you do! It is a privilege to serve you."