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Quick Hits

Election ... Next Tuesday, Nov. 3, is a very important day. That's when Hamtramck voters will go to the polls to vote for three city council candidates.

Be sure to exercise your right to vote. This year's election will determine how this city will succeed in the future, so get out and vote.

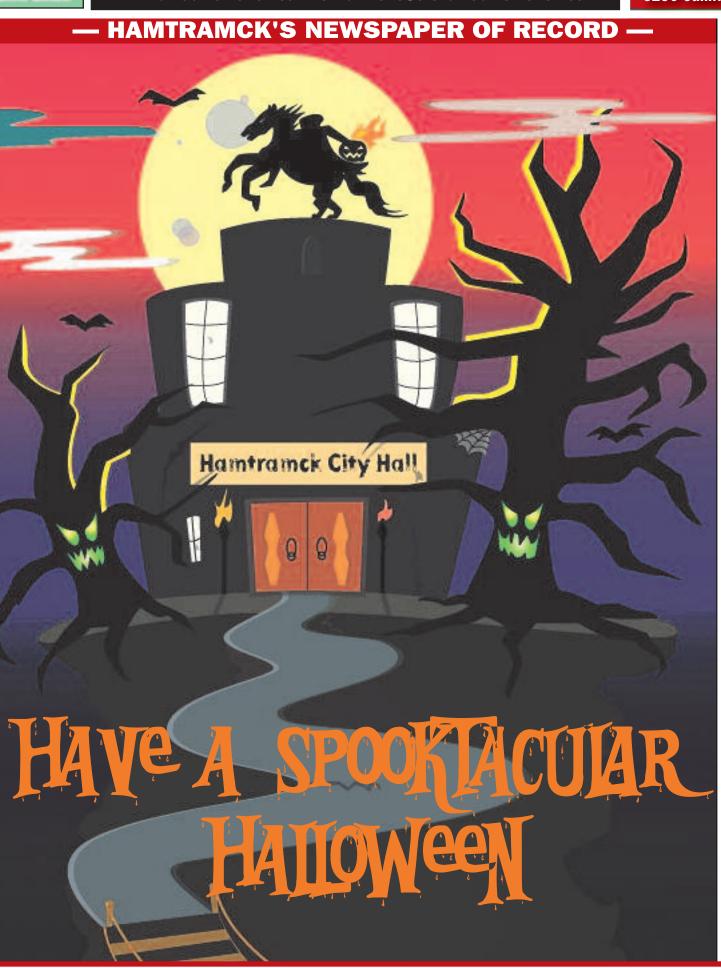
Tick tock ... It's that time of the year again when we set our clocks back one hour. Clocks fall back on Sunday, 2 a.m. For you bar hounds, that means an extra hour of fun Saturday night.

Volunteers needed ...

The city could use some extra help for the community patrols on Friday and Saturday nights.

If you'd like to help out, show up at People's Community Services, located at 8625 Jos. Campau, starting at 6 p.m.





'Call to prayer' volume is questioned

By Charles Sercombe

For a moment there, it was like 2004 in city hall all over again on Tuesday night.

The issue: the Muslim call to prayer.

At Tuesday's regularly scheduled city council meeting a discussion was held on forming a "focus group" to address a formal complaint filed with the city over the volume of the call to prayer at some of the local mosques.

About 200 to 300 Muslim residents and those living just outside the city came to the meeting to protest what they thought was an attack on the call.

City Manager Katrina Powell stressed that the issue is only about addressing a complaint about the volume level of the call.

"There is nothing happening to the call to prayer," Powell said. "No one is here to end the call to prayer."

She also noted that the city's "noise" ordinance gives the broadcast of church bells and the call to prayer "limited exemption," and that the ordinance needs to formalize the definition of the maximum volume allowed in order for it to be enforced.

The timing of the matter being put on the agenda by Powell came under attack

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neering, math) is the key component of education today in preparation for the future", said Beata Chochla, President and Founder of The Hanley Harper Group, management for the academy.

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Respect and a bit of patience with family, spouse, others? After reminding inmates who impregnated mothers that they need to 'man up' and father the baby, an inmate, among other smiling faces, admitted Monday that he was grateful for my making him accountable for the precious infant he planted, and, needs to commit to now and raise the child. I pledged I would walk with him, his spouse and the baby.

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'Call to prayer' volume is questioned cont. from front page

by former Councilmember Cathie Gordon, who is attempting to win back a seat on council next Tuesday during the General Election.

Gordon said she took "offense" that the issue was being addressed just a week before the election.

Powell said the ordinance regarding noise requires that when a formal complaint is filed with the city it has to be placed on the council agenda.

As for the complaint filed, many of the speakers said it had more to do with influencing next Tuesday's election.

After the election, said Masud Khan, "you won't hear any complaints. ... This is dirty politics."

Dr. Abur-Rahman Al-Omaisan of the Abu Bakr Al-Siddque Islamic Center on St. Aubin said the complaint keeps coming from "the same individual who has a problem" with his mosque.

"Why is this individual after us? Why is this individual targeting us?" he

coid

The complaint originated from Susan Dunn, who is running for a seat on city council. She complained about the volume of the call at the last regular council meeting.

At that meeting she played a recording she made while inside her house with her windows and doors shut. The call to prayer came from the Abu Bakr Al-Siddque Islamic Center about two blocks away from her house.

Dunn submitted a complaint with a petition signed by several others in her neighborhood.

"All I have asked for is mutual respect," she said.

Back in 2004 the city council at that time proposed an ordinance to regulate how many times the call to prayer could be broadcast. That proposal opened the flood gates to those in favor of the call and those against it.

The debate in city hall became heated numerous times, and the issue drew the attention of the international media.

The proposal passed, but every so often complaints have been made about the volume of the call from the various mosques in the city. There are about a dozen mosques located in the city and in nearby neighborhoods outside the Hamtramck border.

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Citizenship Classes
Tuesday, November 3 at 5
p.m. Hamtramck residents
can get help in preparing
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Children's Movie Night -Tuesday, November 3 at 4 p.m. - All children are invited for after school movie and popcorn. This week's feature is "Cinderella."

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ESL Class - Wednesday,

November 4 at 9 a.m. and

2:30 p.m. ESL classes are

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Movie Night for Adults - Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. - Everyone is invited to a screening of selected movies on the big screen in the Library. For this week's movie selection call the library at 365-7050. Free to the public.

Book Club Meeting Thursday, November 19 at
5 p.m. Everyone is invited
to join the Hamtramck
book club at the Library.

ESL Class - Friday, November 6 at 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

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Treasurer George Gorday
invite all members and volunteers to participate in
the regular monthly meet-

Michigan Reads Program - Thursday, November 19 at 5 p.m. Participants of the Michigan Read program are invited for a story time.

Common Word Alliance
of Hamtramck -Monday,
November 31 at 7
p.m. The Hamtramck
Common Word Alliance will
hold its monthly meeting
at the Library. For more information call Arif Huskic
at (313) 999-5483 Refreshments will be served.
Everyone is invited.

Meeting of the Library
Board - Thursday, November 12 at 6 p.m. Regular
meeting of the Library
Board will be held in the
auditorium. Open to the
public.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 365-7050, or visit our website at http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us where you can also access our online catalog.

tion desk for details.

Second Front Page



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The secret to a long life: Stay busy and be good

By Charles Sercombe

Just a week after we wrote about one resident who turned 100 years old, we were told Hamtramck has another member of that exclusive

Helene Novick, who is 77 years old, called us last week to let us know that her mother, Hattie Goryl, who lives on Trowbridge, was turning 100 on Oct. 27.

We joked with her about what the chances a small town like Hamtramck having two centenarians are.

"Must be something in the water," we said.

Novick didn't miss a beat: "I don't know but I'm going to keep drinking it. Good thing we don't live in Flint."

Flint, for those who don't know, has been in the news lately about its contaminated drinking water.

mother, Hattie Goryl.

We met with her on like our other 100-yearold, in good health and able to get around maybe not as good as before — but good enough. She just had a visit with her doctor and



Hattie Goryl recently celebrated her 100th birthday. She has lived most of her life in her home on Trow-

was told everything is good and to come back in two months.

Like many elderly folks, Hattie is a little hard of hearing and her memory is a little spotty. But we chatted about the old days, and her parents, who came here from Poland.

Hattie has been living in the same house for But back to Novick's much of her life, but isn't who has reached this quite sure for how long.

"It's been so many Monday, and Goryl is just years I don't even think about it," she said.

Hattie worked full time while raising a family and eventually retired from Chrysler. At one time she worked at Dodge Main, which seemed to have

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employed nearly half of

this town. She retired from the Chrysler Jefferson plant.

As for the changes she experienced in all of her 100 years, those memories, too, are lost for the moment.

"There were so many I can't even think of one," she said.

Usually when a person milestone they are asked the cliché question: "What's the secret to

answer to that is: Work.

"I was too busy to do anything wrong," she said. "I lived a good life."

your longevity?" Hattie said the short

How many people can

Volunteers needed

Community members are invited to attend the upcoming Wayne County Consolidated Plan Focus Group meeting on Thursday, Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m. which will be held in conjunction with the monthly Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors meeting.

The meeting will be held in the 3rd floor conference room at Hamtramck City Hall. Wayne County is required to prepare a 5 year Consolidation Plan as required by HUD and seeks input and citizen participation to help identity neighborhood needs and priorities related to affordable housing, homelessness, and public service needs.

say the same?

She remembers having a social life with her nowdeceased husband, John, and enjoying a drink every once and a while.

She and her husband raised a daughter and a son. Their son, John, is also still alive.

So where does all that goodness come from that she credits for giving her a long life?

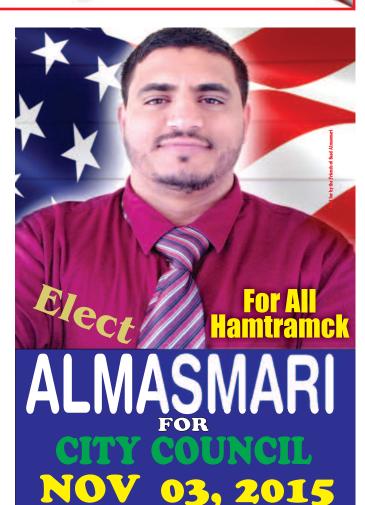
Let's say this apple didn't fall far from the tree.

"My parents were both good," she said.

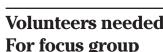
Yes, here in Hamtramck there were and still are a lot of good folks. Every great once and a while they get to experience being 100 years old.

We'll raise that occasional drink Hattie once enjoyed and propose a toast, one that she's heard many times:

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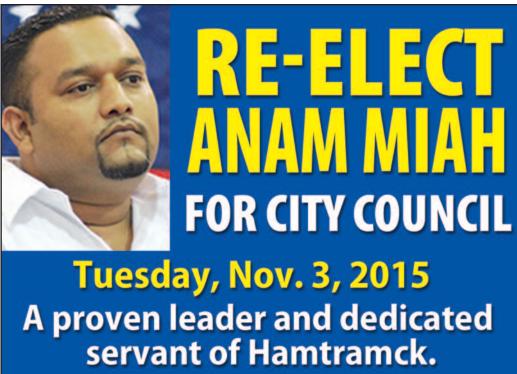






All residents are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Kathy Angerer at (313) 876-7700.







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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

The City of Hamtramck is holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers on the 2^{nd} Floor of City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212, to receive comments from the public on Hamtramck Council Resolution 2015-55.

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The public is invited to attend and make comments during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before November 10, 2015. Written comments should be made to the attention of the City Clerk, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

School Bel

Kosciuszko Middle School News

The Student Council at Kosciuszko Middle School is off to a great start.

We had Student Council Kick-Off Day in August and have been meeting every Tuesday since. Ms. Callahan is the advisor of the organization and she is proud to have 44 participating members.

Student Council plans to have big events, such as dances, a talent show and an end-of-the-year festival. In addition, we plan to have candy gram fundraisers and sell KMS T-shirts.

Finally, we will hold numerous contests throughout the school year: a monthly art contest, door decorating contests and a class quilt contest. We are excited about the upcoming school year and events.

If you are interested in knowing what is happening at Kosciuszko Middle School, check out the school website: http://www.hamtramck.k1 2.mi.us/schools/kosciusz ko_middle_school

If you are interested in what was said in the daily announcements at Kosciuszko Middle School, you can go to the following website: http://www.hamtramck.k12.mi.us/cms/0 ne.aspx?portalld=130072 &pageld=21006585

Hamtramck High School News

The HHS jazz ensemble rehearses every Wednesday morning before school for 45 minutes. The ensemble now has 13 members, and will give its first



Hamtramck High School band members braved the cold to support the football team at a late season game against Harper Woods.



The Hamtramck High School jazz ensemble has been attracting new members and will soon hold its first performance.

public performance at the winter showcase concert in December.

In the course of one year the number of the ensemble has grown from three members to 13 members.

Holbrook Elementary School News

Holbrook Elementary School is seeking parent volunteers and involvement on our School Imp r o v e m e n t Team/Committee.

We are also looking to create and sustain a PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association). These two groups will assist us in reaching our students and community on a scale

much larger than we currently are able to.

Although a date for PTSA has not been set, parents can inquire by calling our office at (313) 872-3203, or email us at MMiller@hamtramck.k12.

Typically, PTSA meetings are held before or after school and are approximately one hour in length. We are doing a wonderful job assisting our students in being successful, but we need you to help us reach many of our goals.

Dickinson East Elementary School News

Dickinson East's Family **Continued on page 6**

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE PLAN COMMISSION CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

The Plan Commission will meet in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212, on November 12, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., to consider the request and afford the opportunity for public comment to be recorded on the Special Land Use Request on the premises described below. The public may appear or express their views in writing. Any written communication must be delivered to the attention of the Kathy Angerer, c/o Plan Commission, 3401 Evaline Street and received on or before the date of the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING – Ronald A. Chiesa on behalf of BDB Investments, LLC, 2001 Caniff St., Hamtramck, MI 48212, d.b.a. Caniff Electric, makes a request of the Plan Commission for Special Land Use in a C2 district under City of Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance 497

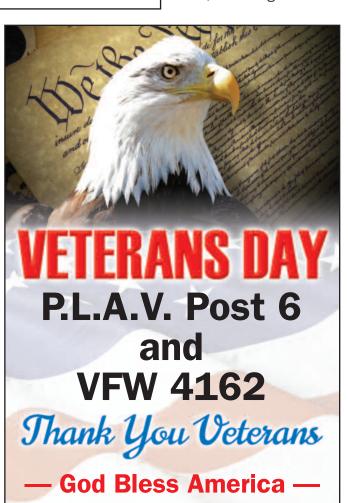
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Article XIII. SPECIAL LAND USE REVIEW RE-QUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES – SECTION 3, ITEM 3.02. - Eligible Uses and Activities –

p. Additional standards for warehouse use in C2 district.

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In Our Opinion

Council vacancy debate shows city officials are still unable to lead

What a waste of time councilmembers panand money.

For the past couple of weeks there has been a debate over what the city charter says about filling a vacant seat on council.

Some believed in the past and present opinions of the city attorney and others believed in the interpretation of some activists who wanted their person appointed.

Apparently two city attorney opinions and past legal precedent wasn't good enough for some, including Councilmembers Anam Miah, Mohammed Hassan, Robert Zwolak and Abu Musa.

Instead of showing leadership in this matter aforementioned

dered to some members of the community.

If they had bothered to dispassionately read the legal opinions and then the charter, they would have realized that the opinion of a few was based on bunk.

So, the whole matter went to Wayne County Circuit Court where Judge Robert Colombo sided with the city's interpretation.

No surprise there.

But we have to wonder why certain members of the community — many of whom do nothing but create division in the city — insisted on pushing this issue. It was interesting to see that the city has so many legal experts. Too bad none of

them possess an ounce of common sense.

This exercise in stupidity didn't come cheap. We're guessing it will cost the city a few thousand dollars to defend its position. What a shame that the city was forced to waste money in order to defend itself from a handful of detractors who thought they knew more than municipal lawyers and a judge. And too bad certain councilmembers couldn't have insisted for cooler heads to pre-

Instead, we witnessed vet another circus in council chambers and further proof that some of Hamtramck's elected officials are still mired in dysfunction.

Odds & Ends

the front page you will notice the winner of our Halloween illustration contest. We were blown away by Khella Young's take on the scary goings-on at Hamtramck City Hall.

We showed it to City Manager Katrina Powell and we can't agree more with her reaction: "Awesome!"

We had several submissions and all of them were truly great. We decided to print the two runner-ups in the paper as well. You can see the work of Link Rose on page 4 and Jerry Bonkowski's submission on page 8.

Thanks everyone!

Field trip ... As we went to press on Thursday we received an email from Kathy Angerer, the Director of Community & Economic Development, about a special invite from the Detroit Red Wings to Hamtramck public school students.

Here's what Angerer was happy to announce:

"The City of Hamtramck is partnering with Hamtramck Public Schools to take two busloads of students from Hamtramck High School, Horizon High School, and the afterschool HOPE program to

And the winner is ... On Joe Louis Arena for an event that will allow young giving is right around the people to skate on the same ice rink as the Detroit Red Wings.

> "The event is sponsored by Flagstar Bank which will pay for all costs including transportation to and from the event. Included in the outing will be free skate rental, pizza, salad and soda pop compliments of the Red Wings and Flagstar Bank. The Red Wings will also have some special surprises in store for their young guests as

"This is the second event this year where the City of Hamtramck, Hamtramck Public Schools and Flagstar Bank partnered for a community field trip. Earlier this year the students and families attended a Detroit City Football Club game at Cass Tech.

"Hamtramck Public Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay commented, 'Our school district is proud to join with the City of Hamtramck, Flagstar Bank and the Red Wing organization to give our children a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

The visit will be next Wednesday. kids.

Helping hand ... Thankscorner, but for many in our community being able to provide for a nice holiday

meal is a financial stretch. You can make sure those who are in need can enjoy the holiday by donating to a holiday meal fund

at Friendship House. Here's the deal: You can donate \$14.50 which will allow Friendship house to purchase a turkey, or for a little more, \$28, a family of four can enjoy an entire

Or, you can drop off food at Friendship House, located at 9540 Conant. You can also send a donation there. The full address is: Detroit Friendship House, 9540 Conant, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

Halloween fun... Hamtramck's favorite party band, The Polish Muslims, will be playing this Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road, in Warren.

It's being called a "Halloween Costume Dance Masquerade," so be sure to dress up.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the band starts at 8:30. Twenty bucks gets Have fun, you in the door and there

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Judge rules in favor of city on council vacancy

By Charles Sercombe

Wayne County Circuit Court Chief Judge Robert Colombo has finally settled the question of who will fill the vacant city council seat.

On Friday, Oct. 23, Colombo, reading from a prepared statement, ruled in favor of the city administration's interpretation of the city charter, meaning Ian Perrotta is now a member of city council.

An attorney for Rashad Almasmari had argued the administration's interpretation was wrong, and it should be Almasmari who should take the seat.

The issue boiled down to whether to take the next highest vote-getter from those candidates who vied for a full fouryear term in the last general election, or from those who squared off to finish the remaining term of a councilmember who resigned to run for mayor.

According to two city legal opinions, in cases like this the results of the two races are blended together to determine who is next in line when a vacancy occurs.

Almasmari's attorney argued the next person should be picked from those who ran for a full four-year term despite there being two contrary legal opinions and a legal precedent set in 2007.

Siding with Almasmari's interpretation were Councilmembers Anam Miah, Abu Musa, Robert Zwolak and Mohammed Hassan.

Those four councilmembers initially refused to declare a vacancy on council in a special meeting, which held up the appointment process. In the meantime, Almasmari filed a restraining order that prevented the city from filling the vacancy.

The current vacancy arose after Councilmember Titus Walters died on Sept. 27.

In 2013 Almasmari ran in the same election with Walters for a full four-year term. There were three council seats in that election with a full four-year term. Almasmari came in fourth.

Perrotta was also in that election, but he ran for the remaining term vacated by Cathie Gordon. He came in second to Abu Musa.

By blending the results of the two races, Perrotta was the fourth-place finisher.

The charter makes no distinction when there are two separate races for council seats. It simply says the next in line is the fourth highest vote-getter, then the fifth and then the sixth. If none of those candidates can take the seat then the council appoints someone.

Judge Colombo conceded that the charter is ambiguous on the matter, but sided with the city's legal opinion and precedent. He said the city had a chance to clarify the issue back in 2007 when a similar situation happened, but it didn't.

During his ruling, the attorney for Almasmari, Rodger Webb, interrupted the judge several times. Colombo was clearly annoyed and threatened to "sanction" Webb if he spoke again.

It was unclear whether Almasmari is going to appeal the ruling. He could not be reached for comment.

Perrotta was sworn into office on Monday morning, and attended his first council meeting on Tues-

After the court ruling on Friday, Perrotta said on his Facebook page that he was ready to get to work.

"Let's put this issue to rest and all work together toward making a great city even better,'

He was welcomed by several residents.

"We should celebrate this ruling," Heather Martin replied to his Facebook posting. "It is a victory for the voters!"

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Math Night was a huge success. The cafeteria was bustling with activity as the students and their parents played a variety of math games.

Dickinson East also supplied each family with a math game to take home so the fun wouldn't have to end when the night was over.

Early Childhood Elementary School News

The kindergarten through second grade at the Early Childhood Elementary went to the Ham-

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will be hors d'oeurves, a

cash bar, and cash prizes

for the two best costumes.

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the door.

tramck Fire Department this past week for Fire Safety Month.

The students watched a video about fire safety, toured the station, went into a fire truck, and saw how walkie talkies are used. They even watched firefighters slide down the fire pole.

The Hamtramck Fire Department will be coming to the school so other students learn all about fire safety as well.

Kosciuszko Middle **School and Dickinson**

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West Elementary School

Thursday, November 12 -



Students in the Early **Childhood Elementary** School recently visited the Fire Department.

- Title One Parent Meeting from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Come and learn about 4 - MHSAA volleyball dis-Title One services provided to students in the schools. Light refreshments will be served.

All Schools

- Tuesday, November 3 - No school for students. Professional Developmental Day for teachers.
- · Wednesday, November 11 - End of 1st quarter.
- · Thursday, November 19 - Half day for all students. Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30- 3 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m. Report Card #1 distributed.

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Athletic Events

· Wednesday, November tricts Hamtramck hosts Game 1 at 4:15 p.m. Game 2 at 6:15p.m.

· Friday, November 6 -MHSAA volleyball district finals Hamtramck hosts Game at 5 p.m.



Parents and students recently enjoyed Family Math Night at Dickinson East Elementary School.

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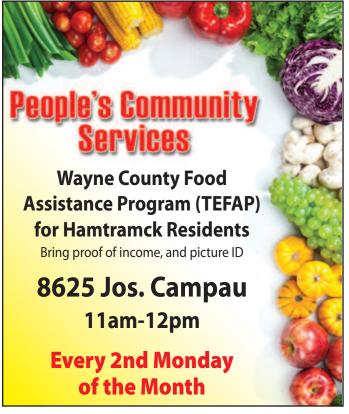
abella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will meet at Queen

of Apostles Activity Center, entrance on Harold,

SATURDAY, Nov. 14, 9-3 p.m. - Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 28, 7 p.m. - The Hamtramck

Midtown Block Club will meet in St. Florian's Con-



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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log

covers Oct. 20-26. Tuesday, October 20

- · A resident reported her son had run away from their residence in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- · An agent from the Department of Human Services reported a possible case of a minor being abused after the child was admitted to Children's Hospital.
- An agent for Family Dollar in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported a person grabbed assorted items without paying and fled in a gold-colored Oldsmobile.
- · A Yemans resident reported her 15-year-old daughter ran away.

Wednesday, October 21

- · At almost 4 a.m. an officer was flagged down by a person who found a handbag in the area of Jos. Campau and Trowbridge.
- Officers located a stolen vehicle in the 12000 block of Oklahoma.
- · A Yemans resident was arrested for using his car to intentionally strike a pedestrian near Hamtramck High School. Officers were alerted that friends of the suspect may have threatened the victim and his family in an attempt to have the criminal charges dropped.

Thursday, October 22

- Three people were arrested for breaking into a residence in the 11000 block of Lumpkin.
- · A woman reported the theft of her Enterprise rental car from the 10000 block of Jos. Campau.
- A Klinger resident reported someone purchased a cellphone on her T-Mobile account without her permission.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for reckless driving in the area of Conant and Carpenter.

Friday, October 23

- · An agent for a restaurant in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau reported that during a pizza delivery on Dequindre three teenagers paid their bill with a counterfeit \$100 bill.
- A resident in the 12000 block of Dequindre was arrested for domestic violence. · A resident in the
- 2700 block of Evaline reported the theft of her 1999 Saturn. A resident reported a
- garage break-in and the theft of a lawnmower and snow blower. · Three residents in the
- 2400 block of Denton reported the theft of their catalytic convertor. · At about 5 p.m. a Jos.
- Campau resident was ticketed for urinating in public and indecent exposure after he exposed himself to several people. including children. The

man was highly intoxicated and was taken to **Detroit Receiving Hospital** for treatment.

· An agent for Stan's Market on Jos. Campau reported someone started a fire in their dumpster, which caused damaged to the rear of the building.

Saturday, October 24

- · A person was arrested for disorderly conduct following investigation in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- · A Nagel resident reported a break-in.
- A Hamtramck juvenile was arrested for pulling a knife on another juvenile while at Pulaski Park.
- · At 10 p.m. a resident was robbed of his phone and money by three men while in the area of Casmere and Jos. Campau.

Sunday, October 25

- A woman's cheetah print wallet was found near St. Aubin and Denton and turned into the police station. A Detroit resident was
- ticketed for public intoxication and was treated at Detroit Receiving Hospital.
- At about 8 p.m. two St. Aubin residents reported an attempted robbery by three men wearing masks and wielding a gun.

Monday, October 26

- · At 11 p.m. a fire broke out at a residence in the 3900 block of Evaline.
- · At a little after midnight a resident was as-

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The lore of Hamtramck ...

The ghost of Hamtramck

By Greg Kowalski

Be brave, for this is bound to scare your pants

There is a haunted house in Hamtramck.

Oh, it's not haunted any more, at least that's the official story. But no one has reported any spirits outside of a bottle there in decades. The house still stands on Mitchell Street and its bricks seem to meet neatly, the floors probably are firm, the doors were sensibly shut when I saw it last and the silence lay steady against the wood and stone.

The silence was broken, however, on Jan. 28, 1945, just as a family living in the lower flat was getting ready for bed. Little Jimmy, age 3, and sister, Patricia, 7, were being tucked in when "bedlam broke loose in the front bedroom. A terrific loud hollow knocking began on the front bedroom wall."

That's how writer Edmond P. Gibson described the coming onslaught in the May1950 issue of Fate magazine.

He went on, describing

how the family thought someone was playing a prank on them. They rushed to the front door to see who was making the racket, but "no one was there, but the pounding went on."

In fact, it increased in violence.

"For two hours the racket continued. The children could not go to bed, and both families (the upstairs tenants joined in) searched the house from cellar to garret for the source of the thunderous noises."

Nothing was found.

The thumping continued unabated until 11 p.m. when it stopped abruptly.

At 9 p.m. "exactly" the next day, it started again. "Pandemonium broke loose again – much worse than before."

The building was searched again and still nothing was found, nothing but the thumping inside and outside the walls. Plaster cracked from the walls and a piece fell near the head of little Jimmy's bed.

The police were called. They searched. Found nothing. City engineers were brought in. Nothing.

The water pipes were inspected. Nothing. The gas line was tested. Nothing. The same for the electrical and phone lines.

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Nothing.

Nothing but the thumping ... louder! Louder! Louder!

For 10 days this went on. Even the Detroit Times newspaper, which sent a reporter to the scene, was baffled.

"We can't stand this much longer," said the

nom.

By now the plaster was badly broken, especially near the head of Jimmy's bed. Could he have been the source of this poltergeist?

We'll never know.

By the time the press revisited the house, all was silent. The family had moved on. No one seemed to know where.

And whatever thumped the walls there apparently thumped alone.



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saulted by his partner in the 2200 block of Danforth.

- At about 10:30 p.m. the city's Public Works Department was called to board up an abandoned residence in the 11600 block of Nagel.
- At about 12:30 p.m.
 a resident in the 3000 block of Yemans reported the theft of her prescription medicines from her bedroom.
- A business owner reported a fraudulent check was cashed at his store.
 - A resident reported

that his brother made threatening phone calls to him regarding their family estate.

- Two Detroit residents were arrested in the Wayne County Jail for being wanted on Hamtramck warrants.
- A Holbrook resident was arrested for possessing an open intoxicant and being disorderly while in front of a residence in the 2600 block of Holbrook.
- A Detroit resident was ticketed for improper use of a license plate.

