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Quick Hits

Breaking news... Just as we were about to go to press on Thursday the city released some good news.

Hamtramck was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the National Park Service to pay for pre-development work for the eventual renovation of the baseball grandstand and field in Veterans Memorial Park.

That baseball field is considered hallowed ground by many because it was the site where the Negro Baseball League once played. It is one of the few remaining stadiums from that era in baseball when there was segregation.

We will have more on this next week. But here's a heads-up: This is just the beginning of good things about to happen at the site.

Quote of the week ...

Who said this, and what is it about? You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

“There is no intention of a stall tactic here.”

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Crystal ball gazing: A look ahead at the next 12 months

By Charles Sercombe

Now that 2016 is behind us – and good ride-dance – it's time to gaze toward the future – to the year of 2017 to be exact.

As we noted in last week's “Newsmaker of the Year,” the Detroit City Football Club was the top story of 2016. It looks like it will continue to be a major presence in the coming year.

The club attracts upwards of 7,000 rabid fans to its games here at Keyworth Stadium and there is no reason to see a let up of that. In fact, the club is reporting that season tickets for this year are going briskly.

The season starts this spring.

For aspiring soccer players there's a chance you can be more than a fan of the club. If you are a player who is at least 18 years old, you can try out for the DCFC.

The club will hold try-outs on Friday, Feb. 3 at Oakland Yard Athletics (5328 Highland Road, Waterford Twp).

It will cost \$50 to register, and for more information go online and contact the club.

Moving along, what else can we expect in the coming year?

Right up front is Ham-
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Hamtramck's own holiday, Paczki Day, comes a little later this year, on Feb. 28. The year ahead has a number of exciting events coming up.

City clerk talks about his experience in Presidential Election

By Charles Sercombe

There is now no question that Donald Trump will become our next president.

But in the days after the Nov. 8 election there were questions raised about the accuracy of the vote.

A short-lived recount was sought in Michigan by Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein, and Hamtramck City Clerk

August Gitschlag participated in that historic moment.

That recount, however, came to a sudden halt after nearly half of the state's ballots were counted because of a court order.

We asked Gitschlag about his experience in helping out in the Wayne County recount, which

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City Clerk August Gitschlag was part of the historic recount of the Michigan presidential election. The recount was about half over when it was ordered by court to halt.

Family of missing man plead for information

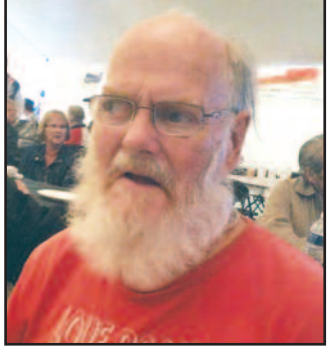
By Charles Sercombe

The last time anyone saw 70-year-old James Kobeski was in the early morning of Nov. 5.

So far, the Hamtramck Police Department has not been able to find out what happened to him.

In the meantime, his family is urging the community to come forward and talk with authorities.

That hasn't been easy, said Kobeski's niece, Megan Mininni.



Anyone with information about James Kobeski, who has been missing for over a month, is asked to call the Hamtramck Police Department at (313) 800-5233, extension 1.

“No one is willing to tell the detectives anything,” Mininni told The Review.

Kobeski is on disability and is also known by his nickname, “Blue.” Mininni said he abruptly left his girlfriend at their apartment around 2:30 a.m. He did not say where he was going, and his girlfriend told his family

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Crystal ball gazing: A look ahead at the next 12 months Cont. from front page

tramck's beloved holiday: Paczki Day. This year it comes a little later than usual on Feb. 28.

In the last few years the event has attracted an increasing number of paczki lovers and paczki curious, who, like everybody else, are sick of the cold winter and looking to blow off some cabin fever.

Hamtramck does not disappoint. Our local bars fling open their doors early and the day has turned into a mini Mardi Gras celebration – sans the nudity. Well, maybe.

Nationally, the story of 2016 was the presidential election. This year, Hamtramck will likely make news about its election.

This is going to be a big one, and could very likely be another historical moment in the city.

Up for election this year

will be the mayor and councilmembers Andrea Karpinski, Ian Perrotta and Mohammed Hassan.

If the past few city elections are any indication, we could see the mayor's seat and all of the council go to candidates of the Muslim faith. The council and now the school board are comprised of a majority of Muslims.

As of now only Hassan has stated his intentions, and that's to go for the job of mayor.

Mayor Majewski, who is in her third term, has not publicly said whether she plans to seek another term.

Hamtramck's once predominant Polish-American community is now a minority – reversing a foundation that has been in place for almost 100 years.

The city's main demo-

graphics are now immigrants from Bangladesh, Yemen and Bosnia – all of whom are mostly of the Muslim faith.

This changeover has not gone unnoticed. For the past year the national and international press has swarmed into town to report on this cultural/political shift. Some of the reporting, as one would expect in the political climate of the day, has not been kind.

Expect to see more of the same.

Speaking of local politics, the contract of City Manager Katrina Powell is set to expire this coming June. She will have been on the job for over two years since being appointed by the city's former emergency manager.

Whether she wishes to remain on board and whether there are enough councilmembers who support her are two big questions. It's no secret that there are some on council who are not satisfied with her performance.

But she does have a track record so far of improving the city's financial outlook. For the first time in several years the city is actually boasting a budget surplus.

It's also unknown if the city will be unshackled from the oversight of a Recovery Transition Advisory Board, a holdover from when the city was under the control of a state-appointed emergency manager.

With the city's financial picture much improved there is a growing question, among some elected officials, if the TAB is still needed.

On the economic front, the city saw some interesting gains on the retail level. Jos. Campau's dormant scene came to life with the arrival of a high-end bicycle shop, the opening of Bank Suey, and the soon-to-be new location for Bon Bon Bon – which offers some of the very best in chocolates.

The former Belmont Bar came back to life as Olo-man Café, a mishmash of artist studio and coffee café – all with an Eastern-European flair.

The Polish Market abruptly closed its doors several months ago, but a local Yemeni businessman just as quickly reopened it a few weeks ago.

The folks at Planet Ant rehabbed a former fraternity hall and opened not one but two bars in the space and adjoining banquet hall.

From what we have heard, there are several exciting deals in the works that will continue to make Hamtramck a retail destination spot.

Just as the winter blahs are about to take a toll, come this March the Hamtramck Music Festival will be kicking out the jams on the first weekend of the month.

This festival takes over where the former Hamtramck Blowout left off. The DIY spirit of the volunteers who put this together makes this an infectious weekend of good vibes.

The condition of the city's streets and alleys has always been an albatross around our collective neck – a burden that never seems to go away.

Well, that is about to be rectified. City Manager Powell has produced, thanks to an engineering study, a detailed list of our streets and alleys and

the condition that they are in.

Not only that, each street has been ranked as to which should be fixed first. Powell already began to systematically repair our streets and has this summer's plan scheduled.

She recently added a list of alleys that will be repaired this coming spring/summer.

It's a modest step forward, but it's also the first time anyone in charge has taken an orderly perspective in moving forward.

There is a saying in Hamtramck that for every two steps forward, we take one step back. With fingers crossed, it appears the city will be moving only one way: Forward.



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This week at the library...

ESL Class – Monday, Jan. 16, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

Family Night at the Library – Wednesday, Jan. 25, 3:30 p.m. Join the Hamtramck Drug free Community Coalition for Family Night. Make a bracelet with your parents, friends, and family to keep. We will also create one with the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority's 24 Hour Helpline so that you always have it on hand when you need help in any mental health crisis.

Movie Night – Wednesday, Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m. “Sully” – The story of Chesley Sullenberger, an American pilot who became a hero after landing his damaged plane

ESL Class – Friday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to

all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

on the Hudson River in order to save the flight's passengers and crew.

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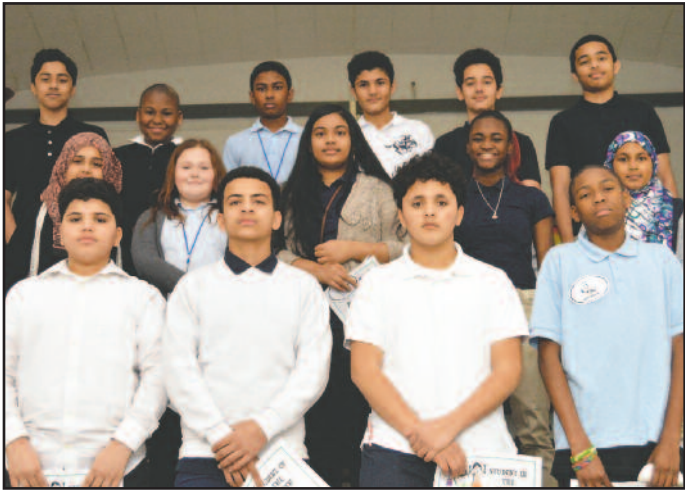
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School Bell

Kosciuszk Middle School News

Kosciuszk Middle School is proud to announce the students of the month for January: Sam Alijhem, Sharif Almathrahi, Amir Alreyashi, Almamoon Alshaif, Micah Brown, Thammana Begum Alec Cathy, Atef Choudhury, Mishkat Chowdhury, Demani Coleman, Shima Dhaif Allah, Brianna DeWalt, Larry Gill, MD Hanjalah, Rafiqul Islam, Abid Khan, Hamid Korin, Nishat Mirzza, Adam Obad, LaDonis Tyler Kenan Pajic and Emma Vezirovic.



The Kosciuszk Middle School Students of the Month pose for a photo.

tory as the people and the technology has changed.

The end of first semester is right around the corner. Mid-term exams will be given on January 26 and January 27. There will be three exams per day, each lasting approximately an hour. Dismissal will be at 11:20 a.m. on these days.

Please review your student's schedule to determine a study calendar. Remember that these exams count for 20% of your child's semester grade. So feel free to use the following study tips as a guide for your child:

Time management is very important. Plan, plan, plan. Before mid-term exams begin, get out your calendars and schedule as much of your mid-term week as possible. Then stick with the schedule.

Take advantage of study sheets and study guides. Just be careful not to use these as crutches. They're not supposed to replace studying.

Prioritize. You have a limited time to study and will have to choose what to spend the most time with. Ask your teacher for help. If you are confused about your notes, schedule a

time to speak with your teacher. This works much better if you do not wait until the last minute to study.

Keep things in perspective. What is the worst thing that can happen if you do not do well on this test? Excessive stress can hurt your performance on tests. So as hard as it is, try to relax. Everyone at KMS has confidence that you will do great.

All Schools

Monday, January 16 – No school, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Concerned Women of Hamtramck is hosting the 20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. prayer breakfast from 9-11a.m. at the Hamtramck Community Center 11350 Charest. Donation is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information call Madelyn Porter at (313) 573-0782.

Thursday, January 26 – Hamtramck High School and Kosciuszk Middle School Mid-Term Semester Exams. Half day for Hamtramck High and Kosciuszk Middle School students.

Friday, January 27 – Hamtramck High School, Horizon High School and

Kosciuszk Middle School Mid-Term Semester Exams. Half day for all students including elementary school students. End of 2nd quarter and the 1st semester.

- Thursday, February 2 – Report card #2 distributed.
- Wednesday, February 8 – Supplemental Count Day.

Athletic Events

- Tuesday, January 17 – HHS Boys' JV Basketball vs. Voyageur College Prep at 5:30 p.m. Away.
- Tuesday, January 17 – HHS Boys' Varsity Basketball vs. Voyageur College Prep at 7 p.m. Away.
- Tuesday, January 17 – HHS Girls' Varsity Basketball vs. Voyageur College Prep at 5:30 p.m. Home.
- Friday, January 20 – HHS Boys' JV Basketball vs. Henry Ford Academy at 4:30 p.m. Away.
- Friday, January 20 – HHS Boys' Varsity Basketball vs. Henry Ford Academy at 7:30 p.m. Away.
- Friday, January 20 – HHS Girls' Varsity Basketball vs. Henry Ford Academy at 6 p.m. Away.

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Hamtramck couple get a break in murder charges

By Charles Sercombe

In a rare move, murder charges against a Hamtramck couple were dismissed during their preliminary examination in Hamtramck 31st District Court last week.

Asia Markham and Christopher Olinger were facing a charge of killing Markham's 16-month-old daughter. However, Hamtramck 31st District Court

Judge Alexis Krot dropped charges against the pair when a key witness for the prosecution failed to show up at the preliminary examination.

The ruling apparently shocked family members of the pair, who cried out after the judge spoke. They were promptly told to leave the courtroom.

It is rare for a felony case to be dismissed at the dis-

trict court level. Normally, it is considered a routine matter to bind over a defendant to the circuit court.

Despite the ruling, Krot left open the possibility of charges to be reinstated by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

According to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office the child died of 16 blows to the face and skull caused by a blunt object.

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‘Hungry for History’ dinner returns with the Betleja collection

By Greg Kowalski
Are you Hungry for some History?
If so, you’re invited to fill up on fascinating facts about Hamtramck when the popular Hungry for History program sponsored by the Hamtramck Historical Museum returns on Thursday, Jan. 19.

A catered meal will be served followed by a PowerPoint presentation on “The Christopher Betleja Collection.”
Betleja has been collecting memorabilia about Hamtramck for 40 years. Recently he donated his massive collection to the museum. It contains an incredible assortment of items including documents going back to the 1850s and early photos of Hamtramck.



Local movie theaters used to give away dinner plates to lure in customers. The Hamtramck Historical Museum has many artifacts of the city’s past on display.

Many of the items are unique and not seen in decades. Betleja will discuss how he collected the items and show photos of nearly 90 items.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. A catered dinner is served at 6 p.m. followed by the PowerPoint presentation at 7 p.m.
The presentation without dinner is free, and

with dinner included it’s \$15. To make a reservation, call (248) 770-8389 or email hamtramckhistory@gmail.com. Or register online at the museum website, www.hamtramck-history.org.
The museum is at 9525 Jos. Campau, between Poland and Norwalk streets.

The lore of Hamtramck ... An immigrant’s amazing tale

By Greg Kowalski
Many immigrants have amazing stories.
Some involve great adventures and courage. Most are less dramatic, but moving from one country to another is always a momentous life experience.
This was probably even truer in years past, when immigrants often came to America to escape oppression and with far less resources than most modern immigrants. But few can equal the tale of Irving Herbert Goldman who came here as a teenager after World War I.
Goldman was a 14-year-old student at a school in

Archangel, Russia, when Bolshevik soldiers burst into the building. They were looking for “recruits.” This was a tremendously turbulent time in Russia. World War I was in its last stages, and Russia was ripped apart and being reconstituted as the Soviet Union.
Russia had withdrawn from the war and was embroiled in a great civil war that eventually would be won by the Bolsheviks who would usher in 70 years of communism. But at this point everything was in flux, which is a reason a coalition of mainly Canadian, American, British and French troops invaded Rus-

sia in September, 1918. Faced with this new threat from outside the borders, the Bolsheviks needed troops.
They found 14 potential soldiers in the school Goldman was attending. The Bolsheviks made all the boys in the upper classes stand up, and picked out the 14 huskiest ones. These were given makeshift uniforms and large rifles. About the only training Goldman got was on how to fire the gun, something which he had never done before.
His first attempt was less than successful. The recoil knocked him flat, leaving him unconscious for five hours. But he learned, and soon was sent off with marching orders to “Fire at the enemy.”
For the next year he braved the brutal Russian winter and attacks by the allies until he got a lucky break and was captured by Canadian soldiers. He was taken to England, and then Canada. Not long afterwards, the allied troops pulled out of Russia, and

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City clerk talks about his experience in Presidential Election recount

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was held at Cobo Hall.

What was it like?
Gitschlag: “Well, on day one I was assigned to the ballot room along with Mike Mizzi of Allen Park. We helped organize the delivery of each community’s ballots, checking them in and keeping them separate from the other communities.
“The real reason we were there though is because Mike and I could do the heavy lifting of carrying the various sizes of bags and boxes around. I saw DPW guys from more than one city treating the bags like airport luggage, busting zippers and seals.
“I witnessed one entire community, a high-end community mind you, that was unrecountable as not a single one of their ballot bags was sealed right. They never got to that community, so it didn’t hit the news the way Gibraltar’s duct tape sealed bags did.
“When I did go into the count room to deliver ballots to be counted, I saw teams of lawyers all over. There was definitely a slow start on day one with training and logistics, but by that afternoon they were humming along well.
“Hillary (Clinton) people were cordial, but didn’t have much to say to us – even the ones I knew. The (Donald) Trump people were questioning everything, challenging everything, and treated us like we were all part of some conspiracy. I witnessed Trump observers verbally going after (Jill) Stein people whenever they crossed paths.
“The Stein people were mostly from out of state, asked a lot of questions, and then politely thanked us for our service and hard work. One Trump supporter asked me a bunch of questions about where the ballots were being stored and what communities had arrived etc., then when I turned my back, took a picture of me, posted it on Facebook with a complete distortion of the facts I had given her.
“A Republican friend of mine shared the post with me, and while I immedi-

ately corrected her misstatements, it had already been shared and passed around the FB conspiracy kooks dozens of times. Needless to say, I was not a fan of their style. Reports from city clerk friends in Macomb County were experiences very similar to mine.
“I was unable to attend day two, and day three they called it off, but I still went down and helped the communities retrieve their ballot bags, and talked with the county staff about their experiences. The county staff was clearly exhausted, but in very good spirits. They were confident they would have finished the recount on time.”

Did you learn anything from it? If so, will it change anything about how you conduct elections here?

Gitschlag: “Every clerk in Michigan now has an example to point to when our Election Inspectors don’t take care of their ballot bags at the end of the night. I will implement some of what I saw in training for next year’s election.
“I learned that even the best city clerks in the state were going to get called out for mistakes that were completely out of their control – we can’t close every precinct ourselves on election night.
“I think this was a worst case scenario for a city like Detroit, where I witnessed 663 heavy metal ballot cans being loaded in and out by a dozen workers. If I had one precinct unrecountable (and I don’t know that I did) and that is one out of seven, can you imagine how many out of 490 you would have? I think the standards of what is uncountable definitely has to change.”

Do you think Clinton would have recovered over 10,000 votes to turn over the election results had it continued?

Gitschlag: “Michigan is not a ‘voter intent’ state. What I witnessed was a bunch of lawyers arguing over what constitutes a filled-in oval. They would fight, then send it to the

Board of Canvassers to make a decision.
“If we were a ‘voter intent’ state, then any ballot seen to have a candidate’s name say circled or check marked in the oval, where it is clear that’s who the voter wanted, then that vote would get added but it likely would never have been picked up by the scanners. In that situation, both candidates would have added votes to their tally, and we would have had a full-blown Bush versus Gore Florida Board of Canvassers battle on our hand. If the recount had continued, we would have anyways over the ‘what constitutes a filled in oval.’ Ten thousand? No, Never.
“Had we run every ballot back through the machines, I doubt we would have seen any change at all.”

Any comment on the court putting a halt to the recount?

Gitschlag: “I don’t care that it was halted, and I didn’t care that it was started. Being in the mix for a couple days was exciting, and I have to see this as a long-term positive for possible reforms as to how ballots can be stored, how recounts can be conducted, and who pays for those recount efforts.”

There was a lot attention given regarding the ballot machines of Detroit and how many of them failed. What is the condition of our machines, and are we due for new ones? If so, how soon will we get them, what is the cost and where does the funding come from?

Gitschlag: “The entire state is due for new voting equipment. Wayne County is in the process of choosing, and I have been a part of the testing and evaluation process.
“Our machines are fine. Miscounted votes are almost always human error. It says fill in the oval, and you put a checkmark, well then it likely isn’t going to get counted. We have instructions all over the voting booths indicating that.
“The funding for the new equipment is mostly coming from the Help America Vote Act federal funds and some state funds. We were originally told by the state to budget long term in case we had to pay for them ourselves locally, and we have done so.

“Hamtramck will be in good shape no matter how the funding ration ends up being presented. I personally have endorsed one vendor over the others due to things that I feel benefit Hamtramck: collapsible ballot bins, longer ballots (no two-page ballots) and the ability to use plain paper ballots on demand if there is a problem.
“But in the end it is the Wayne County Clerk who makes the call. I am hoping to have them this spring, ready for the August Primary.”

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In Our Opinion

MLK Day is a way to honor a great man and message

This Monday we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It's a national holiday. MLK Day is a moment for all of us to reflect on the great work King gave us to end discrimination, and guarantee equality for all. We still have a way to go, but King pointed the way forward. Locally, we can come together and celebrate his legacy by attending an annual breakfast hosted by the Concerned Women of Hamtramck. The event is this Monday (Jan. 16) at the Hamtramck High School Community Center on Charest, just north of Caniff. The breakfast not only honors King, but is also a showcase for some very talented students in our public schools. King would be proud of our students and their accomplishments. Freedom and equality are values that we as a

nation have to protect and fight for over and over. While we do move forward, there are forces out there that want to set the clock back, so to speak. Be a part of history, and stop by the community center, starting at 9 a.m. Afterward, at about 11 a.m., there will be a "Unity March" starting at the community center and then proceed to Zussman Park, in front of city hall.

Odds & Ends

Opening... It's been a while since we last heard from the good folks at the art gallery, Public Pool. With a new year kicking off, the gallery has a new show opening on Jan. 21 – which is next Saturday. The theme of the show is "Printers Without Presses." Intriguing, isn't it? Here is what the organizers have to say about the exhibit: "For years, artists have known that to make prints you don't have to have access to a conventional press. There are wood-

cuts, collographs, monotypes, photo transfers. Artists have made prints with rolling pins, hammers, body parts, car tires. "Think of Rauschenberg's Automobile Tire Print (1953). This was made with the tire of John Cage's Model A Ford. "Driven through a puddle of paint, it became a giant rubber stamp that rolled along, leaving the print of its tread on a strip of white typing paper. "Beginning January 21, 2017 Public Pool celebrates the ingenuity of

printmakers without access to presses. That's right: no presses on the premises. "This exhibition includes artists Jide Aje, Tyanna Buie, Alex Buzzalini, Jeff Evergreen, Keaton Fox, Tim Hailey, Anne Harrington Hughes, Bayard Kurth, Matthew Milia, Teresa Petersen and Dessislava Terzieva." Public Pool is located at 3309 Caniff, and the Jan. 21 opening goes from 7 to 11 p.m.

Family of missing man plead for information

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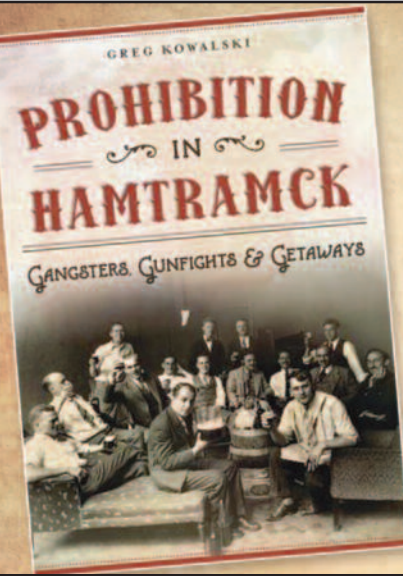
there had not been a fight. Kobeski has left his residence before and in one instance was found on Belle Isle. He also withdrew money from his bank account on Nov. 5, but the family does not know how much. Mininni said that there has been chatter on Facebook among some who know of him. Some have hinted of foul play. Others say he is still alive, but living somewhere else. Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise said there is a detective working on the

case but Kobeski's whereabouts is unknown. She declined to go into more detail because the case is still under investigation. *Anyone with information is urged to call the Hamtramck Police Department at (313) 800-5233, extension 1.*


Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Becoming a ‘Keeper’ ...

By Darla Swint
In 1961 at the Inauguration of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, in his address he stated the following: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." This statement is something we should continually ask ourselves as it relates to us serving our communities, from our Mayor to our sanitation engineers. It doesn't matter what position you hold in the community, as long as you are serving for the betterment of the community at large. It is not enough to pay taxes, or keep your yard and alley clean. It goes much deeper than that. It is caring enough to want to be the "keepers" of the community. In the word of God, the book of Genesis, 4:9, the question was asked of God, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Because one brother had taken the life of another brother, God was angry because of the brother taking another brother's life. God vanished the living brother was his community. God ordained humans to fellowship in harmony with him. When there is discord, God brings judgment on the negative involvers of the situation. That is how important it is to God that we as his children watch over one another and at all times know we are each other's keepers. I bet many readers of this article are wondering where I am going with this. Well, I'll tell you. So very often, I'm asked by people in reference to the NAACP (National Association of the Advancement of Color People), "If I join, what do I get out of it?" As often as I'm asked this, every time I'm approached with it, I'm taken back by it. Why you may ask? The answer is simple, it is an obligation we have to one another. An obligation to want to ensure the equal rights of one another regardless of our family's origin or our sexual preference. We are all one people in the eye sight of God. The NAACP is not a social services agency, that pays your bills, buys food, clothing or furniture. This is not what the organization does. You ask well what does it do? To answer this, I'll share with you the Mission Vision Statement: MISSION STATEMENT: To ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race. VISION STATEMENT: The vision of the NAACP is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race. In order for the NAACP to fulfill its objectives, it needs to have people just like you to become "keepers" of the community. It needs people just like you, to become obligated to care for one another enough to want the best for one another. This is how we eradicate racial hate, bigotry, homophobia, disenfranchisement of women, children, voting rights, etc. In the keeping of the community, NAACP members become servants to the community. Members serve, (volunteer) in various positions in the community. There is mentoring of the youth, helping of seniors, working with women and men in the development of employment, parenting, education, etc. This is all part of being "keepers" of the community, in order for everyone to have a quality of life. In closing, I'd like to give a little history of the NAACP. It is one of the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. It was organized in 1909 by a diverse group of intellectuals in New York. Their concerns at the time were the inhumane treatment of the "Negro" race. Issues the Negro race was inadequately facing were shelter, education, employment, voting, clothing, lynching, overly represented in jail and prison; poor or no representation in the Courts. The Association has been very aggressive in pursuing for all people of color, mental health, education of proper nutrition, parenting issues, freedom of speech and freedom to worship as desired. The history of the NAACP being keepers of various communities is very extensive, rewarding to have knowledge of and last but not least, to be a part of its future. If you desire to become a "keeper" of the community of Hamtramck, please join the Hamtramck NAACP Committee on Monday, January 16 at the Hamtramck Community Center. At approximately 11 a.m., we will have our first march ever in the City of Hamtramck. A march for the equality of all humans, men, women and children. We will leave the Community Center, march south on Gallagher to Yemans, then go east to Zussman Park. There will be a brief rally in the park prior to closing with a prayer of unity for our city. The committee meets every third Tuesday of the month at the Hamtramck Public Library. Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. You do not have to live or work in the City of Hamtramck to be a member. Yearly membership is \$30.



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Obituaries

KRISTY (KRZYCKI)



Chester Paul Krzysty (Krzycki), 92, died December 31, 2016.

Mr. Krysty was born in Hamtramck on December 5, 1924 to Walter and Catherine (Belinski) Krzycki. Mr. Krysty is survived by his wife, Stella of 66 years; children, Stephanie Madvin, Christine (Thomas) Templin, Walter, Joseph, George (Candace), Paul (Debra), Katherine, Lori (Brian O'Conner), Jacqueline (Thomas Wilhelm); grandchildren, Sara, David, Barbara, Crystal, Chad, Celeste, Kayla, Caely, Jessica, James; great grandchildren; Arianna, Alexander, Tahir, Remy, Ryder, Alex, and Miranda; many loving cousins; nieces and nephews. Chester is preceded in death by his sisters, Vera, Mildred; brother, Joseph; son-in-laws, Craig Madvin,

Gary Clifford; many cousins and dear friends. Chester graduated from St. Ladislaus High School, Hamtramck, where he lettered in several sports. He obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit. Chester served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy during WWII, as a signalman with the rank of petty officer second class. On June 17, 1950, Chester married his sweetheart, Stella Gorday. They first came to know Hartland in 1953 where they purchased their family cottage and enjoyed many wonderful times with family and friends, so much so, they moved there permanently in 1991.

Chester was an avid golfer, loved his Detroit Tigers, enjoyed playing pinochle, Scrabble, working word and math puzzles, but most of all was extremely devoted to his Catholic faith. He belonged to the VFW, Optimist Club of Hamtramck,

and was AAA Insurance's Hamtramck branch manager prior to his retirement. Chester also enjoyed his tax preparation work after retirement. Along with his wife, they were active with the Hartland Senior Center performing in many plays and both had a true passion for their Polka music and dancing.

Visitation was at Keehn Funeral Home in Brighton with a Mass of Christian Burial on January 7, 2017 at St. John Catholic Church, Howell with Rev. Fr. Francis George officiating. Memorial contributions in Chester's name can be made to the Orchard Lake Schools in Orchard Lake MI, Saint John the Baptist Church in Howell, MI, or the Hartland Senior Center in Hartland. Please visit Chester's Book of Memories at www.keehnfunderalhome.com



City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days?
We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Nov. 29 and all councilmembers were present. Mayor Karen Majewski was absent.

Before the regular council meeting a work session was held. During that meeting Councilmember Anam Miah asked for a clarification of the city's marijuana ordinance. On the agenda was a proposed motion to repeal the ordinance.

He was told the city needs to take that step in order to adopt one that is in accordance with a new state law on regulating the sale of medical marijuana.

Miah said he was concerned that the city would repeal the ordinance "and we'll never see it again."

City Attorney Travis Mihelick said the city can adopt a new one as soon as it wants to.

City Clerk August Gitschlag said he spoke with City Manager Katrina Powell, who was absent from the meeting, on the matter and said she is in support of adopting a new ordinance.

"There is no intention of a stall tactic here," Gitschlag said.

Councilmember Saad Almasmari questioned what would happen if the council votes against adopting a new ordinance. Mihelick said in that case the state would not issue a permit to dispensaries.

Councilmember Miah questioned why trees were taken down on Prescott. Mark Ragsdale, the Director of Public Works, said two trees were diseased, one was taken down illegally by a homeowner and the fourth had its root system compromised from a water line washout.

He emphasized that either he or the department's foreman look at each tree before determining if it needs to come down.

Ragsdale said he does not act solely on the word of the city's contractor.

Councilmember Andrea Karpinski insisted the city take photographs of the trees to document the cause.

"I don't think anybody's word is justified," she said.

During the public comment section of the regular meeting, members of the organization BAMN said they were concerned about President-Elect Trump's position on immigrants and deporting them.

They said they were particularly concerned about students being deported.

Coming events

SATURDAY, Jan. 14, 2-4 p.m. – Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross Parish, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming, all are welcome.

SATURDAY, Jan. 14, 9-3 p.m. – Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop off your recyclables for free.

SUNDAY, Jan. 22, 8 a.m.-noon – Our Lady Queen of Apostles 100th Anniversary Pancake Breakfast, Activities Center (enter off Harold St.); \$7 adults (ages 10 & up); \$4 kids (ages 4-9), 3 & under free; all you can eat (pancakes only), sausage links, coffee/juice, fruit cup. Proceeds benefit 100th anniversary. Call (313) 891-1520 for more information.

THURSDAY, March 16, 11 a.m. – The Hamtramck Committee of the NAACP will host a "Unity March" to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, starting at the Hamtramck Community Center and ending at Zussman Park. For more information call, (313) 523-7837.



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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Jan. 3-9.

Tuesday, January 3

- A break-in occurred at a business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.
- At about 6 a.m. a resident in the 3800 block of Yemans reported someone stole his catalytic convertor from his car.
- A resident reported someone fraudulently withdrew \$5,100 from his checking account.

Wednesday, January 4

- A sexual assault report was taken. The suspect was gone when officers arrived at the scene.
- At about midnight, a Detroit resident was arrested for domestic violence in the 3400 block of Holbrook.
- At about 2 a.m. a sexual assault involving a child was reported.
- At a little after 2 a.m. a person in the 3200 block of Belmont was ticketed for repeatedly calling for an ambulance for no valid reason.
- A Conant resident reported someone stole his 1997 Toyota while it was running unattended in front of his residence.

Thursday, January 5

- An agent for a Jos. Campau business reported a break-in and theft of assorted items.
- Highland Park police recovered an auto that had been stolen out of Hamtramck. The owner was notified.
- A Shelby Twp. resident was arrested for attempting to cash a fraudulent check.
- Two people were arrested at a residence on Dequindre for assault.

Friday, January 6

- A found wallet and cellphone were turned into the police station.
- A representative from the federal agency HUD reported the theft of an air conditioner unit from HUD property.
- A resident reported being assaulted by her live-in boyfriend.

Saturday, January 7

- A Commor resident reported a break-in.
- A man reported the theft of his Honda Accord while it was parked in the 2000 block of Carpenter.
- A Dequindre resident reported a break-in.

Sunday, January 8

- At about 12:30 a.m. an Eastpointe resident said she was assaulted by her boyfriend. The boyfriend had fled the location before officers arrived.
- At about 2 a.m. a resident was arrested for driving without a license and being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- An agent for a business in the 9000 block

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being harassed by a person she had a verbal altercation with earlier in the day.

- A St. Aubin resident reported the theft of her car's license plate.
- A Caniff resident was arrested for assault during a domestic argument.
- A Hanley resident reported that someone stole his catalytic converter off of his vehicle.
- A Detroit resident was placed under arrest after he stole a bicycle.

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at modelmedia.com have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past several years. With their permission, here is an edited version of this week's story:

There's no doubt

about the enthusiasm of fans for Detroit City Football Club. That's especially true after reading a recent article in SB Nation detailing the rabid fan base of the minor league soccer club that plays out of Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck.

Part of that enthusiasm comes from something most professional teams lack – "a soccer movement that is also intrinsically tied to something bigger than just sport: building community," writes Liana Aghajanian. They've become embedded in their new home of Hamtramck and built goodwill with local residents.

The article also details a rally born out of frustration at the announcement of a possible Major League Soccer team in

Detroit that took place between fans of DCFC and F.C. United—"a semi-professional team born out of frustration with the commercialization of English football owned and run by its 5,381 members"—based out of Manchester, England.

There's colorful descriptions of "Le Rouge," a nickname for DCFC and their fans, throughout the article, as well as figures like this: "This year, in addition to 15,000 people live streaming the event, more than 7,000 attended their opening match—a figure that some teams in higher leagues like the United Soccer League and the North American Soccer League fail to draw."

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Goldman made his way to America, finally coming to Detroit and getting a job as an assistant manager at a drug store in Hamtramck in the 1930s.

It's hard to imagine what his family must have went through as their son disappeared into the fog of war, but it turned out they had an adventure of their own. His parents and three brothers made their way across Russia to China and Hong Kong. And from there they came to America, finally rejoining their son here.

Considering all the hard-

ships and dangerous crossings the family made, it's a wonder this tale had a happy ending.

Unfortunately we don't know any more about Goldman, who was better known as "Cenka," and his family. We can only imagine what a tale they would have to tell.

You can learn more about Hamtramck's history and fascinating Hamtramckans at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and by appointment. Call (313) 574-9758.



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