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Quick Hits

Score!... The Detroit City Football Club not only reached but exceeded its fundraising goal to restore Keyworth Stadium.

The club's online fundraising drive raised \$741,250. The group signed a deal with the Public School District to lease the stadium and fix it up over the next several years.

The above graphic is an artist's rendition of what the future Keyworth Stadium, which was built in the 1930s, will look like.

Although it's called football, it's really a soccer team. Support for the team and its league has been growing and growing in recent years.

Organizers expect anywhere from 3,000 to 6,000 fans to show up for each game. The season starts on May 13, and the first game at Keyworth is May 20 against AFC of Ann Arbor.

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.

“We'll have to police what you're saying.”

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

School Boardmember is fighting back to regain his seat

By Charles Sercombe

In an expected move, former Hamtramck School Boardmember Mohammad Huda is suing the public school district to get his job back.

Huda was elected to the board in 2014, but was removed several weeks ago after a majority on the board agreed that he does not live in the city. Based on an opinion by the state Attorney General's Office, if the board believed there was evidence to support that claim, Huda's seat was then automatically vacated.

Last week the board voted to replace Huda with Salah Hadwan, who will fill the seat for one year until the next election is held.

In his lawsuit, Huda insists he is a resident



Former School Boardmember Mohammad Huda is not going away quietly. He has filed a lawsuit against the School Board after the Board declared his seat vacant. The Board made that decision because it believes Huda does not live in the city.

and that the board overstepped its authority to remove him.

Huda is seeking reinstatement as well as reimbursement for attorney fees and “disbursement” to himself.

Huda did not return

calls for comment. But his attorney, Mark Brewer, the former Chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party, called the board's action a “coup-d'état.”

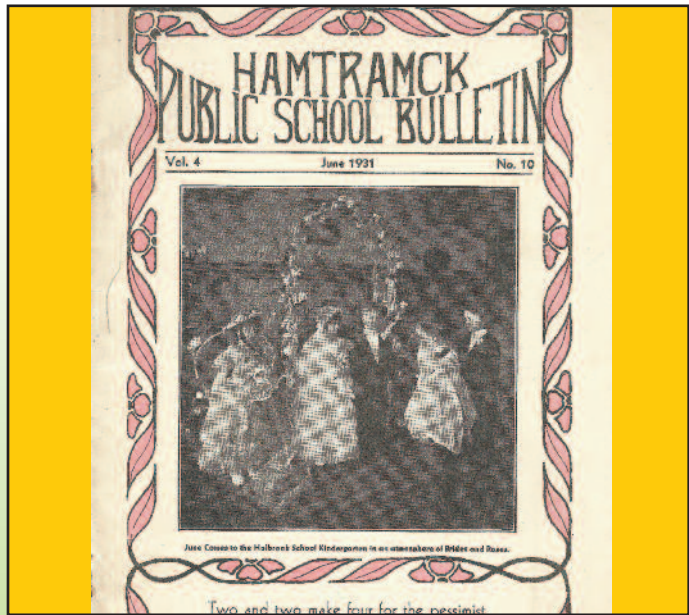
“The School Board has no authority to remove

somebody,” Brewer said. “Mr. Huda was voted in by the people.”

School Superintendent Tom Niczay declined to comment, saying it's “premature” at this point while school attor-

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The lore of Hamtramck ...



The June 1931 Hamtramck Public School Bulletin.

Lessons from the past

By Greg Kowalski

Back in the 1920s and 1930s, Hamtramck's public school system was growing at a furious rate.

Enrollment in the junior and senior high schools skyrocketed from 879 in 1924 to 4,225 in 1931.

That prompted a flurry of building new schools and expanding programs. We tend to think

today that education back in those days was fairly primitive. In fact, it was remarkably progressive, at least in Hamtramck.

You can find great examples of that in the series of school bulletins the district issued periodically. Produced by the teachers 10 times a year and printed in Hamtramck High School,

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Loophole in water bills plugged

By Charles Sercombe

Are you one of those people who finagle your water bill to keep it right below the minimum threshold to avoid a shutoff notice?

Well, forget about that ploy because the city is on to your tricks. And it's putting a stop to it.

Last week a number of property owners were surprised, and in some cases outraged, when they received a shutoff notice even though they owed just a few dollars or even just a few cents.

“Previously, customers would just pay portions of their bill and allow it to accumulate until it met a certain ‘shut off’ threshold and then they would pay another portion, never paying the entire bill,” said City Manager Katrina Powell. “Unfortunately, the city doesn't get the option of paying a portion of its bill to the Great Lakes Water Authority. It must pay its bill in its entirety, monthly.”

So, what that means is gone are the days when the city would allow property owners to run up bills of \$1,000 before a shutoff notice was sent out.

Powell said the city further reduced the threshold over the past year to \$500, then \$200 and once again to \$50. In each instance, the threshold level was abused by too many customers.

So, now the new threshold level is \$5.

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School Boardmember is fighting back to regain his seat

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neys are still reviewing the lawsuit.

The lawsuit was filed last Friday, Feb. 12.

The school board began investigating Huda’s residency status last summer following a Review story about him claiming a 100-percent Homestead property exemption for a house in Warren.

The district hired a private investigator to look into the matter. Among the findings was that the Hamtramck house Huda claimed to live in was without water service for several weeks.

The investigator also encountered Huda’s brother at the Warren house where he claimed a Homestead exemp-

tion, who — in the presence of a Warren police officer — admitted Huda lived in the house.

At the time of the encounter the investigator saw Huda drive by but he did not stop.

In the lawsuit, Brewer points out that the Secretary of State office, the Hamtramck City Clerk and the Governor’s Office declined to take action on removing Huda from office.

But the governor’s response was a little more nuanced. It said that based on an opinion by the state Attorney General, there was no need for the governor to remove Huda.

Instead, the state said that if the board believed

there was enough evidence that indicated Huda was not a resident, all it had to do was to declare it vacant.

During the period of the investigation, Huda did not talk about his residency nor put up a defense. He was not present at the board meeting when his seat was declared vacant.

Brewer said it was not Huda’s “responsibility to defend himself.”

Brewer added that there might be an issue with Huda being a Bengali and a Muslim.

“If the lawsuit goes forward we will investigate that,” Brewer said.

There is one other Bengali on the board and there has been a Yemeni-American who served a partial term before resigning voluntarily.

The boardmember appointed to fill Huda’s seat is a Yemeni-American.

The issue comes at a time when the school district is seeking a millage renewal for the Recreation Department. That election is on May 3.

Burning cigarette and candles likely cause of apartment fire

By Charles Sercombe

A Trowbridge man narrowly escaped serious injury – or worse – in a house fire Wednesday night.

At about 11:20 p.m., Hamtramck firefighters, with the assistance of a Detroit fire crew, were able to quickly put out a fire in a downstairs apartment in a four-dwelling house at 3152 Trowbridge.

Fire Chief Paul Wilk said the man who lived in the apartment said the fire likely started from a burning cigarette and possibly burning candles. The man fell asleep with the cigarette and candles burning and woke up to a thick smoke.

He was able to escape from his apartment with just some of his hair burned. Wilk said that because firefighters were able to extinguish the fire quickly, the other



Firefighters were able to quickly put out this house fire on Trowbridge thanks to a helping hand from a Detroit fire crew.

apartments were spared serious damage and residents in them can still live there.

Wilk said that he was impressed by the outpouring of concern from neighbors.

“The neighbors were awesome,” he said. “They asked if everybody

was OK. That’s Hamtramck.”

Wilk added that one neighbor told a resident in the house that: “We have to help each other – it’s 2016.”

This was the first significant house fire in the city in the last few months.



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Loophole in water bills plugged

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Cracking down on water customers is nothing new. Last year the city was owed \$1.1 million in overdue bills. Shutoff notices went out and property owners had 10 days to pay up.

Dozens of households and businesses still ignored the warning and had their service cut off.

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Savory Black History Program – Tuesday, February 23, 4 p.m. – Betcha Can't Eat Just One! Co-hosted by H.D.F.C.C. and the Hamtramck Public Library, learn about George Crum's invention of potato chips. Snacks will be provided.

Citizenship Classes – Tuesday, February 23, 5 p.m. Hamtramck residents can get help in preparing for their citizenship exam. Classes are free. Registration is required.

ESL Class – Wednesday, February 24, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

Movie Night – Wednesday, February 24, 6:30 p.m. featuring "Spotlight."

ESL Class – Friday, Feb 26, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

Black History Month – Art and History Exhibit through runs February 28. Sponsored by The Creative Spirits.

Black History Film festival – Thursdays in February. Thursday, Feb. 25: "Selma"; 4:30 p.m. lecture before the film. Film will begin promptly at 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Hamtramck NAACP Committee

Tax program – Mondays, through April 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wayne Metro's Free Tax Program offers accessible services throughout Wayne County, with different times and locations.

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Second Front Page

School Board fills vacancy with a longtime supporter of the district

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck’s newest Public School Board-member has planted deep roots in the community.

Last week the School Board appointed Salah Hadwan to the seat vacated by Mohammad Huda, although Huda’s removal is now being challenged in court.

Hadwan was one of seven candidates vying for the seat, which included former Mayor Tom Jankowski.

Boardmember Dennis Lukas said it took the board a while to decide who to choose.

“But we kept coming around to Salah,” he said. “He was one of the first people we thought of.”

Hadwan’s background is certainly impressive.

He attended Hamtramck Public Schools from kindergarten through high school, and then went on to become a registered nurse at St.



The Hamtramck School Board appointed Salah Hadwan to fill a vacant seat on the board. Hadwan is a graduate of Hamtramck High School and went on to become a registered nurse.

John’s Hospital.

Hadwan said he considered moving out of the city but decided to stay here.

“I love the city,” he said. “I’ve had so many experiences given to me.”

He is 26 years old and is married with six children. All of his children attend the public schools. Hadwan said

he has convinced his brothers and sisters to remain in Hamtramck and if they had any kids in the charter schools to transfer to the Public Schools.

“The charter schools are not giving students a full understanding,” Hadwan said.

He said many of the charter schools lack certified teachers and lack

quality education.

Hadwan has further cemented his relationship with the city by building a large house on Lumpkin in the southend. It is possibly the largest single-family house in the city.

Hadwan is the second Yemeni-American to serve on the board. He is a member of the Yemeni American Leadership Association.

His term will only be for a year until the next school board election takes place to finish out the term. Huda was elected in 2014 to a six-year term.

Hadwan said he will run for the seat in the election.

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Lessons from the past

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these were sophisticated mini-magazines.

The June 1931 issue is typical.

On the cover is a cute photo of kids at Holbrook Elementary School participating in a wedding, complete with bride and groom, bridesmaid, best man and a mini-priest. It carries the caption, “June comes to the Holbrook School kindergarten in an atmosphere of brides and roses.”

Inside, the content varies from whimsical to serious. Much of it is fascinating, especially today.

There is a long piece by legendary coach Hal Shields on “Senior High School Health Education.”

It opens with the impressive statement: “Health Education, with its present outlook and aspirations, as an integral phase of general education, is defined as the contribution made to the complete education of the child by the basic psychomotor activities or the big brain-muscle movements.”

It goes on to outline the physical education program offered by the school.

There’s another extensive piece on “Just What is a Visiting Teacher?” These were essentially school social workers who helped students deal with a spectrum of problems, including absenteeism, health issues and poverty.

Another article looks deeply into the physical problems that children faced at that time and how the schools dealt with that.

In those days, the schools often offered the only contact kids would have with doctors and provided treatment for a variety of problems. This included conditions that are rare today, such as tuberculosis and polio.

In those days, the schools had clinics and dental offices to serve the kids.

The bulletin also has an impressive piece on the then-new Copernicus Junior High School, which was under construction and nearly complete.

And there was much more: A review of the district’s spelling classes (spelling was important back then); the school clerks’ basketball team and a sec-

tion on “It Is Interesting to Know,” listing a collection of short items such as: “Mr. F.H. Kinney resumed his duties as Principal of the Playfair School May 5, after an absence of two weeks, caused by an attack of the mumps.”

There’s also a fascinating item about Mrs. Carol Sage of Dickinson School, who made an appearance on television in New York. This was about 15 years before network TV was born, and televisions were almost unknown.

She paid a visit to the Bell Telephone Laboratory where she sat in a small booth and saw and heard the image of another person “two-and-one-half miles away.”

In all, the public school bulletin remains an impressive achievement even by today’s standards. In some respects it is even superior. The grammar, spelling, and design are impeccable. That’s often not the case on many Internet websites we see today.

Those educators so long ago truly were professionals.

You can learn more about the Hamtramck schools at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and by appointment. Call (313) 893-5027.

Metro news ...

It’s said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at model-media.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:

A new report released by the Detroit Greenways Coalition highlights five bike and trail projects that the bicycle and pedestrian advocacy group is most looking forward to in 2016.

According to the DGC, Detroit will see a number of improvements to its cycling infrastructure in 2016, including the official completion of the Dequindre Cut, upgraded biking conditions along Cass Avenue, and the introduction of the much-anticipated public bike share program. The report also hints at an indoor velodrome that could be in Detroit’s future.

Detroit Greenways

Coalition works with both public and private entities, including city and state governments, and an array of foundations, to improve the quality of non-motorized transportation and recreation in Detroit. Todd Scott is the group’s executive director.

Highlights from the DGC report include the following:

- The Link Detroit project will officially be completed in 2016. Link Detroit connects a number of communities, from Hamtramck to Midtown to Eastern Market to the Riverfront, through a series of bike lanes and the Dequindre Cut.

- Biking from Midtown to downtown should prove easier in 2016 as improved biking conditions along Cass Avenue are completed this year. Upgrades are designed, in part, to discourage bikers from using Woodward Avenue and the accompanying safety concerns of the M-1

Rail.

- Automated counters will be installed along the Dequindre Cut and Cass to provide the DGC with real-time data as they look to better understand and utilize bicycle and pedestrian trends throughout those corridors.

- 2016 could also be the year that a public bike share program is introduced in Detroit. Though nothing is definite, the DGC says the Detroit Downtown Partnership is hopeful that the first phase of the program will open this year.

- Bike lanes along a four-mile stretch of Livernoid Avenue are being installed by the city of Detroit and will run from Grand River Avenue to W. Vernor Highway. Pop-up bike lanes, intended for viability tests, will also be installed along Livernoid from McNichols to 8 Mile Road.

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In Our Opinion

Paying your water bill means just that: pay up

Last week some home and business owners received a rude shock. They were sent water service shutoff notices for owing the city money. That's nothing new, but there was one unusual twist. Many of the overdue bills were for very small amounts of money – some a few cents to a few dollars. That was a glitch on the city's part, said City Manager Katrina Powell. But, she warned, the threshold for the city to generate an overdue notice has now been lowered to \$3. Get used to it, folks. The city is no longer in the business of paying your bill and continuing to provide service if you are overdue. That's the reality residents in other cities face as well. It just so happens that here in Hamtramck, where we seem to live in a bubble all our own, we've been getting away with a lot of sloppy leeway. We're trying to figure out why folks would short the city any money when it comes to paying a water bill. The bill is what it is. You can't pay whatever you feel like. If your bill is \$60.82 you have to pay the full amount, not a few dollars or few cents less than that. It may seem like chump change, but multiply that by several thousand accounts and you can see how a little here and a little there quickly adds up for the city. The lesson here: Pay your bills in full and on time.

Odds & Ends

Grand opening... It took a little while, but US Fish & Chicken on Jos. Campau was finally able to celebrate its grand opening last Friday. City officials and others stopped by for a ribbon cutting, and then enjoyed a sampling of the food. We're pleased to say that the fried chicken is superb. The site was formerly a Wendy's, and new owners Shabul Miah and his wife, Lucky, have done a great job cleaning it up.



City officials and others pose for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly-opened US Fish & Chicken at the former Wendy's site.

Auto Show... Last week we didn't have space for two photos that were supposed to go along with a story about the recent International Auto Show. Reporter John Kovach, who wrote the story and is a Hamtramck resident, said the Chevy Cruze and Buick Avista were two of the standout domestic cars.



For the first time ever, the Chevy Cruze is being offered as a hatchback.

Up for sale... Word is that the two houses on Klinger that support the Hamtramck Disneyland creation will be going up for sale next week. We're not sure what the details are, but real estate agent Richard Landuyt said the owner is looking for someone who will keep the folk art installment in place. Landuyt works for Coldwell Banker and can be reached at (313) 407-9654.

The creator of the piece, Dmytro Szyrak, died last year at the age of 92. There was hope someone or some organization would remove and save the artwork but that apparently fell through. We'll have more on this next week. **Public safety...** Gov. Rick Snyder has been coming under a lot of heat recently for the mishandling of the Flint water

switchover, but there was one recent bright spot for his administration. Snyder recently announced he will expand a program called "Secure Cities," which will divert more money to several more cities, including Hamtramck, to boost public safety. Details of the program's spending were not released but we'll be returning to this in the near future.

School Bell

Kosciuszko Middle School News

Kosciuszko Middle School is proud to announce 2nd quarter Honor Roll students. These students earned all A's and B's and 1's and 2's on citizenship marks. The 7th grade Honor Roll students are: Ali Ahmed, Nuha Ahmed, Haris Ahmic, Amdadur Ahsan, Hadiel Alashwal, Khawlah Algehim, Malak Ali, Deanna Almaisari, Amir Alreyashi, Ali Alsidi, Nadija Basic, Lejla Begulic, Emrana Begum, Ismat Begum, Jahera Begum, Musmat Begum, Shuhena Begum, Tahmina Begum, Alec Cathy, Adila Choudhury, Atef Choudhury, Larry Gill, Justyce Hamilton, Dowlah Hasan, Ajsa Hasanspahic, Khadija Helal, Asha Hossain, Anisul Hoque, Kamran Hussain, Zeshan Imran, Soha Irfan, Muaz Islam, Shubaita Islam, Besmir Jahaj, Norman Jobah, Abid Khan, Shammi Khan, Faiza Laskar, Zoha Mahmood, Charbel Moubarak, Hana Mozeb, Ragha Mozeb, Georges Nemer, Samiha Rahman, Ahana Roy, Mohamed Saleh, Neyra Salkic, AnnaBella Shalaj, Stefan Sidorowicz, Mikolaj Sobiesiuk, Marufa Tanni and Habiba Yasmin.

The 8th grade Honor Roll students are: Dahika Ahmed, Nelufa Ahmed, Shazmina Ahmed, Zakaria AlAswar, Zacaria Alasad, Huda Alashwal, Ameer Alfakeeh, Moneer Algazali, Hifa Almardahi, Finoon Almauliki, Akram Alzendani, Rudra Barua, Nazira Begum, Rumana Begum, Sharmin Begum, Thahsina Begum, Habiba Chowdhury, Nahyan Chowdhury, Prince Chowdhury, Tasnia Chowdhury, Elma Durakovic, Mohamed Elhady, Tahmin Fathmee, MD Hamja, Mizanul

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Thursday, February 25 – KMS' Got Talent Show at 4 p.m. The Hamtramck community is invited to be part of the audience and there will be a \$2 admission fee. All proceeds will go towards funding student council initiatives throughout the year. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. We hope to see everyone there!

In an effort to improve system practices, Kosciuszko Middle School is conducting a community survey. We value your opinion and ask that you take the time to complete this survey.

In order to complete the survey, please go to: <http://advanced.org/survey/public/4516783>.

Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. Thank you in advance for your time and attention.

Holbrook Elementary School News

Holbrook school announces that each quarter students have the opportunity to earn the status of being on the Principal's List or Honor Roll based on grades and citizenship marks.

To be on the Principal's List students earned all A's and 1's in citizenship marks. To be on the Honor Roll students earned all A's and B's and received 1's and 2's in citizenship marks.

In the 2nd quarter of the 2015-2016 school year, 57 students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade made these lists. There were four kindergarten students who had outstanding achievement, 10 students on the Principal's List and 43 students on the Honor Roll.

Kindergarten students who earned outstanding achievement are: Riyan Al-Shauweyh, Wissam Alkasem, Wassem Alkasem and Ghida Elgarde. First Grade- Principal's Award: Shorok Gobah, Reham Hafeed, Jaylen Brown. Honor Roll: Salsabel Algahim, Zhraa Aldhabiana, Mohamed Algahim, Munaggir Lone, Zainab Mozab and Abdullah Omer.

Second Grade- Principal's Award: Mahin Ahmed, Maram Alawdi, Zeenah Alrefai, Husam Alriyami. Honor Roll: Abubakr Algahim, Alanood Alwdy, Ahmed Dhifullah, Al-Anood Maazab, Adam Muthana.

Third Grade- Honor Roll: Maram AlSalme, Ayhem Aldalaly, Hadeel Algohim, Laith Alhadwan, Hiba Alnagar, Meko Barbee and Diea Elgarde.

Fourth Grade- Honor Roll: Asman Al-Madrhi, Thuraiya Al-Zaida, Ranya Aldalaly, Sara Algahim, Amirah Ali, Raghad Alomari, Raha Alsalme, Ghidan Daifallah, Riam Hamid, Aliya Juwair, Mohammed Kaid, Salman Mozeb, Maymoona Nagi, Raad Omer, Ghada Saleh, Shanzida Saleh and Asem Waheeb.

Fifth Grade- Principal's Award: Gehan AlQosimi, Arwa Alshwal, Duaa Alrefai.

Honor Roll: Ghader Alqusaimi, Thyab Alshuweyh, Dina Hadwan, Baraah Haimed, Reem Hujran, Mahlia Obaid, Douah Saleh and Shetha Saleh.

Great job, Holbrook students!

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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 Jan. 25. Councilmembers Abu Musa and Saad Al-masmari were absent.

Before the regular council meeting took place a work session was held. During that meeting Councilmember Ian Perrotta commented on the cost of removing illegally dumped tires.

"We seem to be having a problem," he said.

City Manager Katrina Powell said it's been an ongoing problem.

On a resolution that many communities are considering, Powell spoke in support of requiring employers with 10 or more employees and a payroll of at least \$500,000 be required to

withhold local community income taxes.

Powell said this would save the city money by not having to track down who works here but fails to file an income tax.

On another resolution, Powell said many communities are urging the state to abolish a new law prohibiting government officials from talking about ballot proposal two months leading up to election day.

"This is not a good thing for us," Powell said. "We'll have to police what you're saying."

City Clerk August Gitschlag said the "real rub" to the new law is that it prevents government officials from explaining what a ballot

proposal means.

Powell also talked about setting up a Beautification Commission to award businesses that make improvements to their building's appearance.

She said this has proven to spur competition among businesses in other communities.

"It really did to wonders for the community I came from," Powell said.

Councilmember Andrea Karpinski said she would like to see the program expand to involve residences.

Powell talked about how the city had previously repaired sewer leads in the alleys at no cost to homeowners. She said under her administration that

changed a year ago to where it is now the homeowner's responsibility to pay for the repair.

The average cost to make the repair is \$4,600.

She said the city had been paying \$100,000 a year in making the repairs.

Powell said there is now an insurnace program for homeowners in which they pay \$7 a month to cover the cost of the repair.

"We absolutely need this program," Powell said. "Our residents are struggling."

It's a program being offered by the National League of Cities.

During the regular meet-

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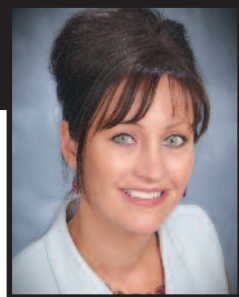
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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Feb. 9-14.

Tuesday, February 9

- At about 8 a.m. officers found a child walking alone in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau. The child was returned home, and the father was issued a ticket for parental responsibility.
- A driver of a car was arrested following a traffic stop after officers discovered his license plate was fraudulent.
- A business owner on Jos. Campau found a wallet and turned it over to the police department. The owner was contacted and she retrieved her wallet.
- A St. Aubin resident reported being assaulted by her live-in boyfriend.
- A Mitchell resident was arrested for being wanted on a felony warrant out of Hamtramck.

Wednesday, February 10

- A resident was arrested after causing an auto accident. The driver had a blood-alcohol level over twice the legal limit and was also arrested for obstruction.
- At 3:30 a.m. a Florian resident reported people he knows damaged his car.
- At 4 a.m. a Roseville resident was arrested in the 2400 block of Florian for trespassing and being disorderly.
- A man reported losing his Ukrainian passport.

Thursday, February 11

- A person at Talmer Bank attempted to cash a fraudulent check.

Friday, February 12

- A driver was arrested following a traffic stop for having fraudulent proof of insurance.
- A Gallagher resident was arrested after shooting a gun while arguing with a man about money.

Saturday, February 13

- At a little after 3 a.m. a Dearborn resident reported being carjacked at Doremus and Conant. He was driving a Chrysler 300.
- A Pulaski resident reported the theft of his cellphone.
- A man reported the theft of his Toyota Tundra while it was parked in the 8800 block of Gallagher.
- A resident reported being robbed of video game equipment by three males.

Sunday, February 14

- A Winfield resident reported their dog was struck by a car.

Monday, February 15

- A resident reported the loss of their US Green Card.
- At almost noon, a Detroit resident was arrested for forcing her way into a Caniff apartment and attempting to burglarize it.
- A Redford resident reported her ex-boyfriend assaulted and her damaged her car while on St. Aubin.
- An Alabama resident reported someone broke into his trailer while it was parked in the 8300 block of St. Aubin and stole one case of Bosco Sticks.

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Frontier Intl. Academy welcomes visits from interested applicants.

Holbrook Elementary School has established a Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). The PTSA meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. The Executive Board President is Ms. Arwa Obeid. Congratulations, Ms. Obeid! We look forward to many parents attending the meetings.

• ESL classes began at Holbrook Elementary School. Please contact the school if interested at (313) 872-3203.

Early Childhood Elementary School News

At Early Childhood Elementary School, students learned some fun facts about Valentine's Day. In the United States, more than \$345 million of chocolate are bought for the holiday.

About 58 million pounds of chocolate candy are purchased the week before Valentine's Day. The students can

assure you that not that much chocolate was eaten at ECE during Valentine's Day celebrations.

All Schools

• Thursday, March 10 – Progress Report #3 distributed.

• Friday, March 11 – No school for students. Professional Development Day for teachers.

Compiled by
Janice Gandelman

Students at the Early Childhood Elementary School enjoyed Valentine's Day arts and crafts and friendship.



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City Hall Insider ...

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ing, Councilmember Anam Miah said there has been an outpouring from Hamtramck to the residents of Flint in regard to that city's water crisis.

He said he delivered a truck load of bottled water.

"The people are very grateful," he said.

Mayor Karen Majewski said Hamtramck can em-

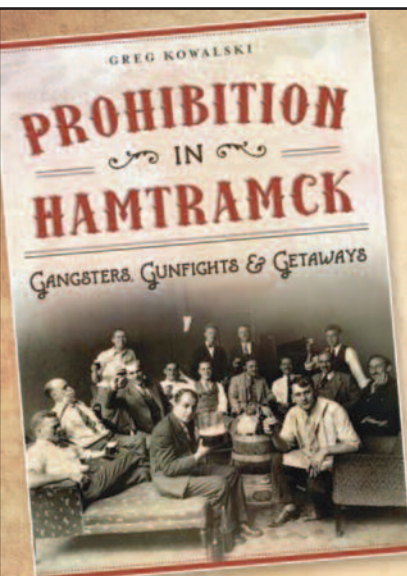
pathize with those in Flint.

"We can understand what happens under an emergency manager," she said.

Kathy Angerer, the Director of Community & Economic Development, introduced two representatives from Flagstar Bank. The bank recently partnered with Angerer's department to take kids from here to Joe Louis

Arena where they skated and enjoyed other perks.

During the public comment portion, attorney Mark Koroι urged the council to forward its performance review of City Manager Powell to the Transition Advisory Board. "We want to see what the city council members think of Katrina Powell," Koroι said.



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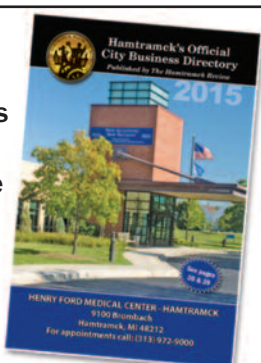
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