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# **Quick Hits**

It's time once again to test your knowledge of Hamtramck trivia.

The next installment of Hamtrivia is this Saturday (Feb. 27) at the Hamtramck Moose Lodge No. 1670, at 9421 Conant.

The fun will run from 7-10 p.m. There will be four rounds of questions, including one specifically on Hamtramck. There will also be prizes, of sorts, but the emphasis is on having a good time.

The Moose Lodge also has a full bar, which will help loosen up your memory cells, and light food will be served.

Admission is \$10, with proceeds going to support the Hamtramck Historical Museum.

Come and join the fun.

#### 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.

"Often I find their tax return is wrong."

# St. Lads parishioners take a stand against a likely sale of their church

By Charles Sercomb x

Two years ago it was announced that St. Ladislaus Church would be closing.

That turned out to be premature.

But now it appears that day may come. Last Sunday about 40 parishioners demonstrated in front of the church over what might be an impending closing.

Protest organizer Walter Bankowski said the parish council recently voted to close the church. The plan would be for the parish to merge with Transfiguration Church in Detroit.

Both churches are part of what's called the Pope John Paul II Parish. Fr. Andrew Wesley, who is the head of the combined parish, did not return a call for com-

Bankowski said a decision on whether to close the church will be made by the Detroit Archdiocese in the coming weeks. The parish council vote, he stressed, was only an advisory vote.

Despite that vote, which close was а Bankowski said the church is on solid financial ground.

"This is a financially viable church," he said. There are about 200

parishioners here. Bankowski said that St. Lad's parishioners won't likely transfer to Transfiguration and instead will go to Queen of Apostles or St. Florian, both of which are in

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St. Ladislaus parishioners participate in a demonstration last Sunday to protest a possible closure of their

#### Adventures close to home

(Editor's note: City Life is a column about walkable discovery in Hamtramck.)

#### **By Walter Wasacz**

A few weeks ago I stopped into the Hamtramck Historical Museum for a chat with its director, Greg Kowalski. We talked mostly about an exhibition

we are working on for the end of summer and early fall devoted to local music.

But something else struck me during our conversation. While we were talking about places where some music events took place here in the 1970s when Greg and I were then

young men living in different corners of the city he said he didn't venture over to the side of town where much of this action

He had not heard of the Misty Inn or the creative music scene that it spawned. My guess is that it isn't so much because Greg was not necessarily a fan of Hamtramck rock 'n' roll, but that he was a southender and the bar was on the northend (yes, that's how we spell it, as one compound word) on Jos. Campau near Commor.

His family lived on Wyandotte, which stretched from

Jos. Campau to Lumpkin in those days. This was before the Hamtramck Town Center was built, sadly destroying the integrity of the commercial street wall south of Holbrook.

My family lived on Edwin at Gallagher, roughly 12 blocks from the Kowalskis. It wasn't the northend; it was almost perfectly central. I grew up with a kind of geographic elasticity, comfortable moving around the city in any direction on foot or bicycle.

As a kid, I bowled at Playdium, at the corner of Jos. Campau and Faber, and

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### Music fest offers more of everything

#### By Charles Sercombe

Move over Nashville, Hamtramck is going to be Music City this coming week.

The 3rd Annual Hamtramck Music Festival kicks off this Thursday (March 3) and runs through Sunday (March 6).

This year's festival, which is run by unpaid volunteers, has expanded to include more than 200 bands and 25 venues scattered throughout the city. Last year it attracted thousands of music fans.

The festival is not only a unique opportunity to catch up-and-coming bands, but also long-time favorites as well - all for a mere \$10.

You can purchase wristband during regular business hours at the following locations: Detroit Threads, Café 1923, Dear-Encore born Music, Records, Flipside Records, Found Sound, Friends Closet, Hello Records, Melodies & Memories, Paramita Sound, People's Records, Record Graveyard, Solo Records, Small's Stormy Records, Street Corner Music and UHF Records.

The Hamtramck Music Festival kickoff party will be held from 8 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. on March 3rd at the Fowling Warehouse, 3901 Christopher St. Two live stages and nine bands will

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City of Hamtramck

Notice of

**PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST** 

Please take notice that the public testing of the

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tallying the results of the Presidential Primary

Election of Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 will be

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All interested parties are invited to observe.

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played baseball at Veterans and Playfair parks on the southend. I also bowled occasionally at North End Recreation (yes, that's how they spelled it), in a building on Jos. Campau south of Carpenter. The building was demolished decades ago (as was Playdium, but more recently, in the 1990s).

It was located roughly

where the Hamtramck Woody Plaza is now. The plaza, which houses Michigan Health and Human Services offices, is named for the late Woodrow W. Woody, a beloved car dealer who sold Pontiacs on that site (and in still viewable commercials you can find on YouTube), in a building that also no longer exists, from 1940 until he

#### retired in 2000. Woody was 94 when he died in 2002. At age 11 and 12, I

would ride my bike to the edges of Hamtramck's city limits, to borders on the east, north and south and west — once, I remember crossing Dequindre at Caniff before I-75 was built and then riding down to Russell, which once extended from Eastern Market to Holbrook as a busy secondary thoroughfare.

This was before the freeway dig began in the mid-1960s, effectively neutering both Dequindre and Russell, turning them into something one-dimensionally modern: service drives.

Another time I remember riding my bike out of the city to the east side, finding myself lost somewhere on Gratiot near Van Dyke. I was miles from home, the neighborhoods were unfamiliar, but I was confident I could find my way back.

My confidence came from maps, which I would pore over nearly every day, and from my father, who taught me a lesson l've never lost: always know where you are and where you're going. I keep that one close and apply it todav in so many ways.

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My current walking adventures are inspired by memories such as these. Last week, I took a hike to a part of town I have not been to in some time. On a sunny afternoon I headed south on Conant under the viaduct and past the former Missant building once home to the Olsonite Corporation, a manufacturer that was an innovator in something we now take for granted: plastic toilet seats.

Just beyond the sprawling vacant grounds that hug the Canadian National Railway (formerly the Grand Trunk Western) I turned and headed west on Missant St., also known Robert W. Kozaren Dr., so named for the city's longest serving mayor (1980-1997).

This street has had several names.

The first time I saw it in the 1960s it was Miller, which continues under that name on the opposite side of Conant. Well before that it was called Leuschner.

Both names evoke Hamtramck Township's Germandominated 19th century. There was once an interesting residential community tucked away off Miller west of Conant. Three short dead end streets -Manhattan, Rockwood and Butler — always fascinated me. Who lived there, I wondered. Who still alive has memories of houses on Manhattan St.?

I continued on. The hulking county jail, the Dickerson facility, was to my left. The fenced, vacant property to my right, between the street and the railroad tracks, was even more curious. Who owns that, I wondered, and if remediated what can it become in the future?

Moving onto Denton St. and toward Jos. Campau, memories flashed of large buildings that once existed on this land. I remembered the Polar Brand ice cream company and Ida Windows, both lost to dramatic fires in the 1970s and 1980s. I recalled how McDougall St., now erased from this old neighborhood, once connected Miller and Den-

I paused at the viaduct at Jos. Campau. Dodge Main once loomed tall to my left.

The Mistele Coal yard was directly ahead. Heading north, I walked into the tunnel beneath the tracks, head full with snapshots taken from personal history, stretching back years and years. I was excited to see them again so vividly. More adventures are sure to come I was thinking as I headed up the sidewalk under the bridge and back into the light.

Walter Wasacz spends most of his time walking, reminiscing and writing in Hamtramck, where he was born and still lives.





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# This week at the library...

ESL Class - Monday, February 29, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

**Tuesday Family Movie** Tuesday, March 1, 4 p.m. "Shaun the Sheep" is the featured film. (Refreshments will be provided.)

Citizenship Classes -Tuesday, March 1, 5 p.m. Hamtramck residents can get help in preparing for their citizenship exam. Classes are free. Registration is required.

ESL Class - Wednesday, March 2, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is

required. Movie Night at the Li-

**brary** - Wednesdays at

6:30 p.m. March 2, "Creed"; March 9, "In the Heart of the Sea"; March 16, "The Big Short"

ESL Class - Friday, March 4, 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 through February 28. Sponsored by The Creative Spirits.

Tax program - Mondays, through April 11, 10 Wayne a.m.-4 p.m. Metro's Free Tax Program offers accessible services throughout Wayne County, with different times and locations. While appointments are encouraged, walk-ins are also accepted. To make an appointment please

call: (313) 388-9799. **Blind Date with a Book**  The month of February. Take a chance on love! Stop by the Hamtramck Public Library's "Blind Date with a Book" display and choose a surprise book to check out. Who knows? Maybe this unknown book will be the start of an enduring relationship.

**Michigan Activity Pass** - The pass will enable Library card holders to obtain a one-time free entry into any Michigan State park or recreation area,

and free entry into over 100 participating cultural institutions. Ask at the circulation desk for more details.

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.

# Second Front Page

### City will be hearing property assessment challenges

#### **By Charles Sercombe**

Hamtramck is cracking down on claims of financial hardship when it comes to appealing the value of your house.

City Assessor Jay Singh said that for a number of years some homeowners have been claiming they are too poor to pay their

property taxes during the Assessment annual Board of Appeals.

Before Singh took over the job as assessor a few years ago they were granted that exemption for several years running, he said, which is not allowed by law.

That's about to change.

The city council recently adopted the federal guidelines of what's considered to be in poverty.

Plus, if a homeowner meets that threshold, the maximum they can recieve that claim is three years, Singh said.

But it gets even tougher. Singh says he reviews all income tax returns to verify claims of poverty.

Guess what?

Things aren't what they always seem to be.

"Often I find their tax return is wrong," he said. If the tax return holds

up, the next process is to fill out an eight-page form.

Homeowners not claiming a poverty exemption are also invited to challenge the city's property assessment.

The March Board of Review will be held on March 14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; March 16, 9 a.m.-5p.m.; and March 18, 12:30-7:30

You must make an appointment by calling (313) 876-7700, extension 319, or my mail to city hall. The deadline to make an appointment is March 11.

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a.m. Potato Peeling. March 5 - Pierogi Making Day -We will start at 9 a.m.

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# **Police patrol cars** will be outfitted with new cameras

#### **By Charles Sercombe**

Hamtramck's police patrol cars will be outfitted with new dashboard cameras, thanks to a state grant.

Gov. Rick Snyder recently announced public safety grants he awarded to several "distressed" communities in the state. Hamtramck will receive \$90,000 to purchase patrol car cameras.

Police Chief Anne Moise said the grant came just in time.

"The current cameras are out of date," she said.

There are now 10 patrol cars with cameras, but Moise said she did not know how many cameras the grant will cover.

She added that the department does not have on-body cameras for officers nor is she is a rush to get them.

"There are some privacy issues that need to be worked out," she said.

In total, the state gave \$5.4 million to 11 communities.

"The municipalities that applied for and have now been approved for this special funding among those that have faced significant financial challenges in recent years," Snyder said in a press release. "These grants will go a long way to ensure these cities can improve the public services their residents expect and deserve."

The City of Flint received the highest award, \$2 million, for reconnection to the Detroit water system.

### Music fest offers more of everything cont. from front page

appear at this event.

Some of the festival's notable acts this year are: Terrible Twos, Radio Burns, Dr. James Cornish, Tabcat Detroit, Outrageous Cherry, Cosmic Light Shapes, Moonwalks, James Linck, Belterra, Le Voyage, The Walking Beat, The Belle Isles, The Erers, Scott Morgan, The Hentchmen, Bangla School of Music, Sick Smile, plus dozens of others.

HMF music venues include: 7 Brothers, Baker Street Car, Bank Suey, Bumbo's, Cafe 1923, Carbon, Detroit Threads, Fowling Warehouse, Hamtramck Public Library, Jean's Bar, Kelly's Bar, Lo & Behold!, Metro Pub, New Dodge Lounge, Painted Lady, Paychecks, PLAV Post #6, PLAV Post #10, Polish Sea League, Polka Dot, Rock City Eatery, Small's Bar, Temptation Lounge, Trixie's, and Whiskey In The Jar.

During the first two full nights of festival showcases on March 4 and 5, the festival will provide free shuttle transportation to all of the music outlets.

Got a hankering for a bite to eat?

The festival has that covered with a number of food trucks scattered along the main routes.

Some of Detroit's best food trucks will be parked in the city, such as Delectabowl Food Truck & Catering, Hero or Villain Van, The Mean Weenie, Rollin Stone Wood Fired Pizza and The Mac Shack.

The HMF all-you-can-eat 'Hangover Brunch' will be at the PLAV Post #10 starting at 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 6 for \$6 per person. Attendees will have a chance to experience a pop-up record shop and purchase band merchandise in the upstairs level from noon until 4 p.m. In addition, the Detroit Square Dance Society is offering free square dancing lessons from 12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. PLAV Post #10, 11824 Jos. Campau.



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#### DRAFT **FINAL STATEMENT NOTICE** CITY OF HAMTRAMCK **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PY 2016**

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, notice is hereby given that on February 23, 2016 the Hamtramck City Council approved the proposed project activities for Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The City's expected allocation for 2016 is approximately \$236,826.30.

#### APPROVED PROJECTS

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Any questions or comments should be directed to the attention of Kathy An-

#### gerer, Director, Community and Economic Development, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212. Published February 26, 2016 **Hamtramck Public Schools** 2016/2017 Kindergarten CINDERGARTEN Round-Up Dates & PRESCHOOL **Dickinson East Elementary** April 14, 2016 (3:30p-5:30p)

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(313) 873-9437 **Dickinson West Elementary** April 7, 2016 (3:30p-5:00p)

> 2333 Burger (313) 365-5861

**Early Childhood Elementary** March 22, 2016 (3:30p-5:30p) \*\*Preschool/Kindergarten\*\*

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# School Bell

#### Kosciuszko Middle **School News**

In an effort to improve system practices, Middle Kosciuszko 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/45 16783.

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

#### **Hamtramck High School News**

Sadia Begum was awarded "Peacemaker of



Sadia Begum

the Month" at Ham- have donuts with Princitramck High School. According to many cafeteria. teachers and students,

nicest and kindest students" they know. "She is a very positive young woman with a great attitude and work ethic." We congratulate her

and her family for the contribution she is making to HHS's positive and safe school environment.

#### **Holbrook Elementary School News**

Holbrook Elementary School celebrated its second Awards Program on Friday, February 19.

There were 47 students who received awards for perfect attendance, citizenship, and honor roll.

Ten students received all A's and all 1's in citizenship and received the Principal's Award. Congratulations to all 57 stuwho received dents awards.

- Wednesday, March 2 at 8:30 a.m. - Muffins with Moms meeting. All mothers are welcome to have muffins with Principal Miller in Holbrook's cafeteria.
- · Thursday, March 3 at 8:30 a.m. - Donuts with Dads meeting. All fathers are welcome to pal Miller in Holbrook's
  - · Wednesday, March 9

(Parents Teachers Students Association) meeting. Parents please plan to attend this meeting.

- Tuesday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m. - P.O.G.S (Parents of Great Students) meeting. All Holbrook parents are encouraged to attend.
- March is Reading Month – Holbrook School has a month full of reading activities planned including Community Readers Day on Wednesday, March 23.

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

#### **Early Childhood Elementary School**

There were many fun

Sadia is "one of the at 1:30 p.m. - P.T.S.A times to be had throughout Early Childhood Elementary School for the 100th Day of School. You could hear a lot of counting, grouping and celebrating in every

> class. Students dressed as 100-year-old grandmas and grandpas and many creative handmade 100 days of school shirts were also worn. Everyone had a fun educational 100 days of school.

#### **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 Early Childhood Elementary School had a fun day celebrating the 100th day of school for this

#### NOTICE OF CITY OF HAMTRAMCK HAMTRAMCK CITY PRIMARY ELECTION Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 To the Qualified Electors of the CITY OF HAMTRAMCK – WAYNE **COUNTY. MICHIGAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION will be held in the City of Hamtramck, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 from seven (7) o'clock in the morning until eight (8) o'clock at night (local time) at which time the following will be voted on:

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FEBRUARY 2016 August R. Gitschlag Hamtramck City Clerk

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#### St. Lads parishioners take a stand against a likely sale of their church

That means it's likely Transfiguration will face being closed in the near future.

Cont. from front page

The closing of St. Lads would likely lead to the Archdiocese selling the building. The parish previously sold its school building to a charter school. Bankowski said the building sold for \$500,000, but none of that money went to the parish.

St. Lads was built in 1952 at a time when Hamtramck's population was about 50,000. Since then the city's population has declined to about half that, although in recent years there has been a slight uptick.

But Hamtramck's newest surge of residents are of the Muslim faith. It is commonly thought that the church would be sold and repurposed into a mosque.

# Review: Opinion Page

# In Our Opinion

# School board residency issue will have its day in court

We knew this was coming.

Former School Boardmember Mohammad Huda has filed a lawsuit against the board for declaring his seat vacant.

The board started an investigation into Huda's actual residency last year after evidence indicated he was really living in Warren with his wife and kids.

Several weeks ago the board followed the advice of the Attorney Gen-Office eral's and declared Huda's seat vacant on the theory that since it was believed there was solid evidence showing Huda was a non-resident his seat on the board was automatically vacant.

All the board had to do

was vote on it.

Huda was not present at the meeting when that vote was taken. Through the investigation and the presentation of what was found by a private investigator, Huda sat and remained silent.

was curious: He didn't say a word in his defense or even offer a protest.

Huda has a history of moving in and out of the city in the course of a few years. A few months before running for school board he claimed to have moved from Warren to Hamtramck, despite his house in Warren enjoying a 100-percent Homestead tax exemp-

That exemption is re-

served for only those who reside in the house that receive such an exemption.

There are other pieces of information that leads one to think Huda is not a resident.

Some say the district That is his right, but it is going to waste money on defending its position. While we think Huda has every right to his day in court, we think it is equally important for the district to defend the integrity of public office.

> Huda is not alone when it comes to a local elected official who are believed to really live outside of Hamtramck.

> Maybe this case will put an end to those who think Hamtramck is nothing more than a political playfield.

# Other Voices: Guest Editorial

# A Polish American contribution to the struggle against slavery

By Thaddeus C. Radzilowski, Ph.D.

The statue of Thaddeus Koscuiszko sits, largely unnoticed, on Michigan Ave in Detroit, across from the MGM Casino.

February marks his birthday. It is also Black History month when we honor the contributions of African Americans and those who fought for justice for them.

It is a fortuitous conjunction. No one hated slavery and inequality more than Kosciuszko and few in that American Revolutionary generation raised that issue as graphically as he did. He devoted his life to the struggle for liberty on two continents.

Kosciuszko's friend Thomas Jefferson (whom Kosciuszko advised to free his own slaves) called him "as pure a son of liberty as I have ever known and of that liberty which is to go to all and not to the few or the rich".

Kosciuszko's love of liberty and hatred of servitude was not theoretical or abstract. He lived it. His friend and aide-decamp was a free Black

named Agrippa Hall. After the Revolution, he invited Hall to come to Poland with him, but Hall decided to stay in America. When Kosciuszko returned to America from Russian captivity, wounded and debilitated, one of his first acts was tion for the worst to en- arly papers. He is a lecto make a difficult journey slave them by degree turer at the University of to visit Hall, his former afterwards, to have good Michigan -Dearborn.

comrade in Arms. On one occasion, during the Revolutionary War, he admonished fellow officers who wanted to divide up the fine clothing of an officer who had been killed, to give them instead to the man's two slaves who had followed their master to war. They were not only in need, he said, but "their skin can bear, as well as ours, good things".

Unable to comprehend how Americans who had launched so noble an experiment in liberty as the new Republic could countenance a hideous institution like slavery, Kosciuszko advised Thomas Jefferson, the executor of his American will, to sell the land that Congress had given him in lieu of salary and use the money to free and educate slaves. In his awkward English he wrote with great sincerity:

"I beg Mr. Jefferson that in case I should die without will or testament he should bye out of my money so many Negroes and free them that the remaining sum should be sufficient to give them education and provide for their maintenance. That is to say each should know, the duty of a cityzen in the free Government, that he must defend his Country against foreign as well internal Enemies who would wish to change the Constituand human heart sensible for the suffering of others, each must be married and have 100 acres of land, wyth instruments, Cattle for tillage and know how to manage and gouvern it as well to know how to behave to neybourghs, always with kindness and ready to help them - to themselves frugal, to their children give good education I mean as to the heart and the duty to the Country, in gratitude to me to make themselves happy

as possible." Later, Jefferson would help him turn it into a formal, legal will with the same sentiments. Unfortunately, because of obstructions, embezzlement, a desire to change provisions and other claims the will was never carried out but its appearance in the Courts for decades, kept alive Kosciuszko's view of the evil of slavery as a blot on the republic he had fought so unselfishly for

seven years to create. Kosciuszko's was one of our first abolitionists. For that alone he deserves to be remembered especially at this

Dr. Radzilowski is President of the Piast Institute, a national center for Polish And Polish American Affairs in Hamtramck and the author and editor of over 100 books, articles, book chapters and schol-

# Odds & Ends

Correction... In last week's issue we incorrectly reported that newlyappointed School Boardmember Salah Hadwan has six children. Mr. Hadwan apologized to The Review for misunderstanding а reporter's question. He does not have any children.

New in town... Last week was the soft openof Hamtramck's newest bar, Trixie's. The bar is located on Carpenter where the former Turtle and Inky's had been operating.

The new owners are lan

and Andrew Perrotta. Review readers will recognize lan as the copy editor for The Review, and he is also a member of Hamtramck's City Council.

The brothers did a great job in fixing and cleaning

up the bar, plus they also built an amazing stage. The bar will be fully open for the Hamtramck Music Festival next week, and plans are for regular live bands there.



Ingrid and Mike Pelak (in front) visit the newly-opened Trixie's Bar, which is owned by brothers Ian (left) and Andrew Perrotta. The bar, which went by the name Turtle & Inky's, was recently owned by the Pelaks.

## CITY OF HAMTRAMCK **PUBLIC NOTICE OF 2016 BOARD** OF REVIEW

The 2016 Board of Review shall meet at City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI on the following dates and times. Tuesday March 8 at 9 AM for organizational meeting to receive the 2016 Assessment Roll. Monday, March 14, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, March 18, 2016 from 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing appeals on Assessments as Notified through Assessment Change Notices mailed to property owners of record.

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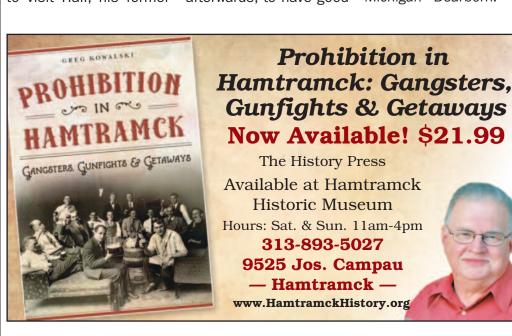
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# Obituaries

#### CIESLAK



was the beloved husband of the late Marcella; father of Stanley (Susan), Mark (Laura). Germain (the late Lewis) Leonard, Joseph, Cynthia (David) Meligan, Marcie (Christopher) Gignilliat, Martin, and Maria Walsh; brother of the late Dorothy (Ray) Parker, the late AI (Frieda), Elenore (Fred) Crocker. Mr. Cieslak is also survived by ten grandchildren; two greatgrandchildren.

A private service was held with the interment of Stan's ashes with Marcella, at Mt. Olivet Cemtery. Arrangements were by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

#### **GORYL**



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(Matt), Elizabeth. Mrs. Gorvl is also survived by many nieces nephews.

Visitation is Thursday, 2-9 p.m. with Rosary at 7. The funeral service will be Friday, February 26, at 11 a.m., David J. Wysocki Funeral Home, 29440 Ryan Rd. (1 blk, north of 12 Mile Rd.) in Warren, TN (586) 574-1770.

#### **MORRIS**



Werdon "Butch" Morris, age 59, passed away at home February

2016, in Detroit, of long fought heart failure. He was in his beloved wife's arms. He was survived by his children, Steven and Belinda; two sons (Butch so loved his grands), Gabriel and Stefan; his siblings, Margaret, Bud and Timothy, and living on forever in the heart of his wife Theresa.

Butch was born on August 16, 1956 in Kalamazoo, MI to Werdon and Margaret Morris. He married his soul mate Theresa (Wilmoth) June 15, 1986, who will celebrate 30 years of marriage this June to the husband who truly loved her heart and her spirit.

Butch served America in the Navy during tumultuous times in the early 1970s. He attended and graduated from Grayling High School class of 1975. He then went on to college at Kirtland CC in Roscommon, MI studying Automotive and Computer technology.

He was also a self taught man who did not have trouble learning and adapting to new things. If you needed to know about how to do something call Butch he had probably done it already. His work after the Navy was varied and interesting but most of all he enjoyed a long career as an Auto Recovery Technician, a sometimes dangerous job fit for the brave man that we knew fondly as Butch.

He would come to the rescue of many people who crossed his path and did not think about what could happen to him but what he can stop from happening to others. He was a hero. He had a wide array of interests and hobbies. Butch liked fishing, exotic pets, building scale models and his unique garden. For those who knew him well you got to see his many collectibles (and what really cool collections he had) and hobbies that his children Steven and Belinda could share and appreciate and will carry on after

He was rarely seen without a cigarette. And the first impression he made was always one of a kind.

His wife Theresa was his perfect match. If you knew them as a couple you knew what a real husband and wife should have. They accepted and loved each other deeply and with no requests to change or conditions. He was proud until his last breath to have a wife that walked straight out of his dreams or off the pages of a girly magazine.

He was sarcastic and optimistic and could find humor in the darkest of places. He was NOT a leg man, and his wife Theresa obliged, and I am not talking chicken. If there was a photo of a pretty woman in a bikini he liked it but always held them up to the real thing he had at home and found them all fall short.

For his birthday or father's day take him out to Hooters. You would be guaranteed a memorable day in an environment where he sparkled. Double entendre and risky innuendo were his sense of humor at rest. His jokes, when on a roll, would

make you blush and laugh out loud. He was shameless and you could not help but love him for it.

In support of his personality I include these little fun facts as he would appreciate the looks on people's faces as they read them.

He follows his son Christopher and daughter Tiffany into the next adventure. Meeting brother Curtis at a stream, where the fishing could not be better. Now they walk together in greener pastures. And God watches over him until we can meet him again. Psalm 23:2

Visitation was Tuesday at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home. Visit his memorial page facebook.com/Werdon-ButchMorris2016/.

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#### **By Charles Sercombe**

This week's Crime Log

#### covers Feb. 16-22. Tuesday, February 16

- · At a little after 1 a.m. a domestic violence report was taken from a residence in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- At about 7:30 a.m. a Yemans resident reported someone stole her car keys from her car while it was warming up.
- · A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license. Wednesday, February 17
- · A Detroit resident was found highly intoxicated and possibly having seizures in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau. He was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital.
- · Officers impounded a car belonging to a driver who had fraudulent proof of insurance.
- A resident reported a person she knows used her identity to take out a loan.
- · A resident reported that her ex-boyfriend assaulted the father of her

#### Thursday, February 18

- · A resident was arrested following a traffic stop for driving without a license and being wanted on a federal warrant. The driver has nine previous convictions for driving without a license.
- At almost 6:30 a.m. a resident was arrested for attempting to rob a business in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau.

12000 block of Nagel reported the theft of their car.

- · At about 11:30 a.m. a resident was arrested following a traffic stop for driving without a license and being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- · A resident was ticketed for driving without a license and possessing narcotic paraphernalia.
- · A Hanley resident was reported missing.

#### Friday, February 19

- · A driver was arrested for driving without a license and having fraudulent proof of insurance.
- · Two Detroit residents were arrested for having fraudulent proof of insurance and being wanted on several warrants.
- · A Dearborn woman reported that her son may have been assaulted by his father while at a residence in Hamtramck.

#### Saturday, February 20

- · A business owner in the 11000 block of Conant reported damage to his building.
- · The Ukrainian Credit Union on Jos. Campau reported an attempted fraud.
- A Warren resident reported that while painting his rental house in the 11300 block of Moran he was robbed by five juvenile males.
- A Warren resident was arrested for driving without

#### **Sunday, February 21**

 A Detroit resident was arrested for being wanted · A resident in the on a Hamtramck warrant.

- · A resident reported that her car, which she had reported stolen, was no longer stolen.
- · A resident was arrested following a traffic stop for being wanted on a

#### Monday, February 22

Hamtramck warrant.

- · At about 9 p.m. a resident reported that while driving in the Jos. Campau alley near Casmere three juvenile males, one of whom was armed with a steel pipe, surrounded his car, opened the doors and demanded the vehicle. The victim continued to drive and the suspects fled on foot. Officers recovered a bike one of the suspects had been riding.
- · Officers assisted an ambulance crew in resuscitating a man who had overdosed. The man refused further medical treatment.
- A Fraser resident was arrested for walking away from a traffic accident she had caused.
- A Dodge Caravan was stolen in the 12000 block of St. Aubin.
- · A juvenile ran away from the Hanley House of Boys.
- · A Klinger resident reported the theft of his bicycle from his garage.
- · At about 1 p.m. a woman reported a man wearing a red jacket stole medications she was carrying while she was walking home on Holbrook.
- · A Lumpkin resident reported someone stole his wallet from his unlocked car.
- · A Mitchell resident reported a garage break-in and the theft of several items.

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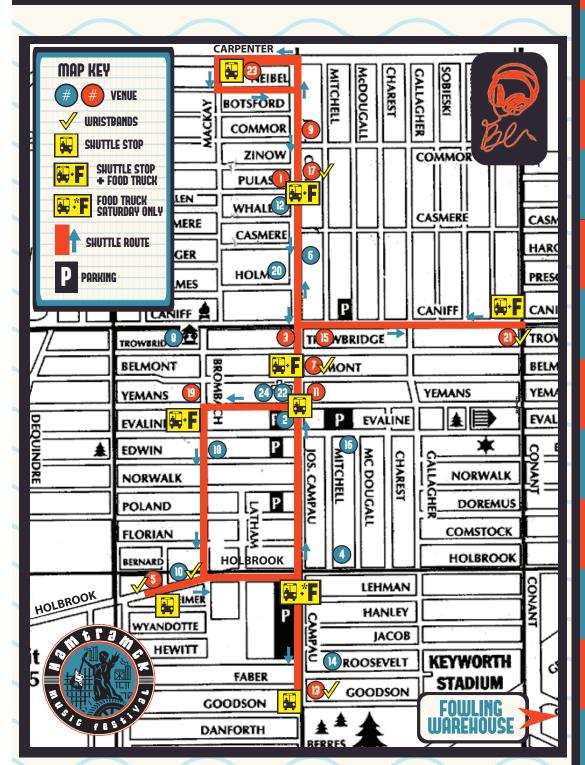
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HAMTRAMCK PUBLIC LIBRARY 9:30 PM - AIR IS THE ARCHE 7:30 PM - GENEVIEVE MACPHEE 6:30 PM – ARIANNA BARDONI & NICK MARTIN

#### 12:15 AM - DETROIT PARTY MARCHING BAND 11:15 PM - LAC LA BELLE

10:15 PM – AUDRA KUBAT & TAMARA FINLAY 9:15 PM – ATHENA AKRAM

# EAN'S

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12:45 AM - CARJACK. 11:45 PM - DECISIONS

#### **KELLY'S** 10

**LO & BEHOLD** 

1:00 AM – DEHYDRATED VITAMIN DJ SET 12:00 AM – WOODEN PIPE 11:00 PM – JURA 10:00 PM – POCKET CANDIES 9:30 PM – ADAM PIERCE 9:00 PM – ATTACK SHIPS ON FIRE

10:45 PM - J. WALKER & THE CROSSGUARDS

12:30 AM - ROGUE SATELLITES

11:30 PM - PEWTER CUB

10:30 PM - THE LANDMARKS

9:30 PM - UNLIMITED HEAD

9:45 PM - THE FIEGERS

# METRO PUB

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PAINTED LADY

12:30 AM - DUENDE! 11:30 PM - GEORGE MORRIS & THE GYPSY CHORUS 10:30 PM - VSTRS 9:30 PM - Trancers

1:00 AM - THE HENTCHMEN

12:00 AM – JIMMY OHIO 11:00 PM – Best Exes

#### **NEW DODGE LOUNGE** 1:00 AM - THE IMAGINATRON 12:00 AM – JP FROM THE HP 11:00 PM – SATAN FACE

11:15 PM - GROWWING PAINS

12:15 AM - FLOWERS BLOOM

11:15 PM - BLAKDOG

10:15 PM - BERMUD

9:15 PM - Mango Lane

10:00 PM - PAINT THINNER

12:30 AM - DETROIT CYDI 11:30 PM - LXL

10:30 PM – DESTROY THIS PLACE 9:30 PM – POOR PLAYER

12:15 AM - REUNION 11:15 PM - THE BLUEFLOWERS 10:15 PM - KELLY ELIZABETH

12:30 AM - RADIO BURNS

11:30 PM - CHEERLEADER

9:30 PM - DIRTWOLF

9:15 PM - AM PEOPLE

12:00 AM - ROXOLYDIAN 11:00 PM - INN 10:00 PM - THE GARDEN OF SOUL

12:00 AM - TART

9:00 PM - TAXON CLADE

9:00 PM - THE 44 TERRITORIES

11:00 PM - PHOSPHOR ELEPHANTS 10:00 PM - MARKET

10:30 PM - GOLDEN TORSO

12:15 AM - CASUAL SWEETHEART 11:15 PM - THE DEADLY VIPERS 10:15 PM - BLOOD STONE

10:00 PM - BEEKEEPERS

#### 10:15 PM - PRUDE BOYS 9:15 PM - SEX POLICE

12:45 AM - SCOTT MORGAN 11:45 PM - WILLA RAE & THE MINOR ARCAI

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12:15 AM - THE KICKSTAND BAND 11:15 PM - 3 FT 10:15 PM – JOHNNY ILL BAND 9:15 PM – A LOVE THAT FORGIVES

11:45 PM - THE VOLEBEATS

10:45 PM – CAMERON JONES

12:15 AM - THE CREEPOS

9:15 PM - Young Punk

11:15 PM - VNESSWOLFCHILD

10:15 PM - SHADY GROVES

9:45 PM – BLUE BLACK HOURS

1:00 AM – STIKYFUT

10:00 PM - MOUNTAIN BABIES

#### **PAYCHECK'S** 10:45 PM - CRAZY TOY

9:45 PM – THE SUGAR BOMBS

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1:00 AM - OUTRAGEOUS CHERRY 12:00 AM - PRETTY GHOULS 11:00 PM - FEELINGS



S 1:00 AM – DANNY & THE DARLEANS
12:00 AM – DUANE THE BRAND NEW DOG
11:00 PM – COLORWHEEL

10:00 PM - Primitiv Parts

### **POLISH SEA LEAGUE** 12:15 AM - TWO CHEERS 11:15 PM - HOWLIN MERCY 10:15 PM - ZOMBIE JESUS & THE CHOCOLATE SUNSHINE BAND

9:15 PM - THE HE BOPS

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#### 11:15 PM - MALO KONJCHE 10:15 PM - DISINFORMANTS 9:15 PM - STEVE HARVEY OSWALD

🧲 12:30 AM – WASABI DREAM

C 12:15 AM - ELEANORA

### 11:30 PM – OLD EMPIRE 10:30 PM – LIPSTICK MARQUEE 9:30 PM – ERIC ALLEN

**ROCK CITY EATERY** 

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12:15 AM - BRONZE MAMBAS 11:15 PM - Nina & The Buffalo Riders 10:15 PM - Carmel Liburdi

# SMALL'S

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12:30 AM - VALLEY HUSH 11:30 PM - WARHORSES

# **TEMPTATION LOUNGE**

10:00 PM - SHADOW KLAN 9:00 PM - THE END ELECTRIC 12:15 AM – DEADBEAT BEAT

10:30 PM - Yum

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11:15 PM - RIVER SPIRIT 10:15 PM – JUNK FOOD JUNKIES 9:15 PM – MISSIONARY

# TRIXIE'S

#### 12:00 AM - SICK SMILE 11:00 PM - MOUNTAIN CLUB 10:00 PM - 1592 9:00 PM - DOCTOR PIZZA

12:00 AM - THE ILL ITCHES

11:00 PM - THE Q

# WHISKEY IN THE JAR

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10:00 PM - THE IDIOT KIDS 9:00 PM - SIX & THE SEVENS THE DETROIT SQUARE DANCE

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