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## **Quick Hits**

For years now Detroit Friendship House has been supplying food to Hamtramck's needy.

And the demand for support never lessens. This is where you come in.

The organization is holding its annual Easter Food Drive. The deadline to drop off food is March 22, which is next Tuesday.

The following food items are needed: hams, boxes of stuffing, boxes of instant potatoes or rice, canned or packaged gravy, canned corn or green beans and pie crusts and pie filling.

You can drop the items off at 9540 Conant during the day.

Money donations are also welcomed. A \$25 donation will provide a nice Easter meal for a family, and a \$100 donation provides meals for a family for an entire week.

### 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.

"That's what we pay our city engineer big bucks to do."

## **HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD** —

## Once in financial trouble, school district boasts a surplus

**By Charles Sercombe** 

What a difference a few years makes.

About six years ago the Hamtramck Public School District had a \$5 million budget deficit and was facing state intervention unless the financial crisis was cleared up.

It was a huge challenge, but Superintendent Tom Niczay and his staff promised they would tackle it.

And they did.

At last week's monthly school board meeting, it was noted that the district has made a 180-degree turnaround. Instead of a \$5 million deficit, the district now has a \$5 million budget surplus.

"That's amazing," said Board President Magdalena Srodek.

Srodek credited the district administration for its effort, but warned the district must remain vigilant in its financial dealings.

road again," she said.

So how did the district accomplish this feat?

It took some drastic actions, which meant salary cuts and privatizing some services. Needless to say, not everyone was pleased with how the district came out of its deficit.

Superintended Niczay explained what took place:

"Hamtramck **Public** Schools was able to eliminate its deficit and build a healthy surplus through conservative spending and strict adherence to our Deficit Elimination Plan. The district fell into deficit six years ago following a \$472 per pupil funding cut by the Michigan Department of Education.

"Acting on our fiscal responsibility the district immediately began implement budget cuts and to reduce spending. That resulted in an operating surplus and reduced "We can't go down that deficit each year for the



Six years ago the Hamtramck Public School District had a \$5 million budget deficit. That crisis has been turned around and the district now enjoys a \$5 million budget surplus.

past five years. This included wage freezes and pay cuts, increased insurance contributions by employees, reduced staffing levels and outsourcing non-instructional services.

"In addition enrollment has been stable with a spike this current year. The Michigan Department of Education has

been slowly restoring a portion of the foundation allowance that was cut which helped."

Niczay also credited Sherry Lynem, the Director of Finance, for creating the district's budgets and lifting the district out of its cri-

That financial boost has **Continued on page 2** 

## Pot law on hold for now

**By Charles Sercombe** 

Time to roll another one for Hamtramck city offi-

Hamtramck's attempt at adopting a law forbidding marijuana use busted down in a haze of differing opinions on where to go with this issue.

But before we get to that, it should be clarified that the city is not attempting to alter or change the use of pot by those with medical marijuana cards.

Instead, the city is attempting to update its enforcement book cracking down on the recreational use of pot. It recently came to light that the city never adopted a local ordinance outlawing marijuana possession or use. Instead, officers have relied on a local ordinance for possessing narcotic paraphernalia and the state law on possessing marijuana.

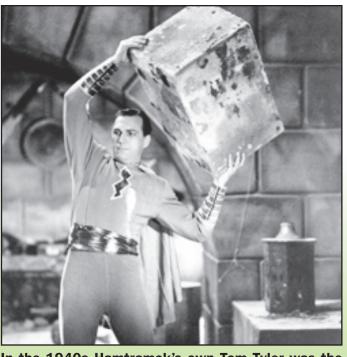
The result of all this is that by using a state ordinance, most of the fines and fees go to the state instead of the local district court.

City Attorney Travis Mihelick fired up the issue a couple of weeks ago by introducing a local ordinance that criminalizes marijuana possession and use for those who do not have a medical card.

His proposal stonewalled when some city councilmembers and the mayor objected, saying they would rather see it decriminalized.

Despite the objections, the council and mayor agreed to go through the first steps in adopting the law and a public hearing

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In the 1940s Hamtramck's own Tom Tyler was the king of action movies. He is considered the first "superhero" in film.

## Hamtramck actor was the first famous movie superhero

By Kurt J. Kolka **The Review Special Writer** 

Today, many people are awaiting the premiere of the movie "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice" on March 25, which was partially filmed in Detroit and Lansing.

However, there are others alive who will remember the first time a superhero appeared on the silver screen, where the actor portraying him came from the metro De-

Seventy-five years ago, in March of 1941, the first cinematic superhero came to the silver screen in the "Adventures of Captain Marvel," a 12-chapter adventure, courtesy of Republic Pictures.

The serial was extremely successful and is still considered today to be one of the greatest serials of all time. And the man who brought the superhero to

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## Once in financial trouble, school district boasts a surplus continued from front page

allowed the following:

"This year we were able to give employees a step increase on their negotiated salary schedule and a modest raise to hourly employees," Niczay said. "For most employees it was the first pay increase since 2010. We have added back some positions which have been cut or were needed but not filled."

The recovery has also allowed some other improvements, Niczay said.

"We have increased classroom supplies and

happens to Detroit, so

goes Hamtramck. Our

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here is an edited version

the past several years.

of this week's story:

Metro news ...

It's said that whatever could get our product.

protected Advanced Placement classes, music, art and athletics throughout this difficult financial time. We are planning to upgrade technology and do much needed building upgrades," he said.

Although the district is now in the clear, Niczay stressed that the state has set strict financial benchmarks for districts.

"Recent legislation targets districts with a fund balance of 5 percent or less of revenues as one of the triggers of 'financial distress,' which could ulti-

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That's about to change now that the Hamtramck-

based company is mov-

ing into a newer, bigger

home on Jos. Campau,

the city's main drag. The

new location will provide

Bon Bon Bon with a retail

space and a large pro-

duction area with enough

space for future growth.

more space and we defi-

nitely weren't leaving

Hamtramck," Clark says.

Bon Bon Bon pur-

"We definitely needed

through retail."

mately lead to state takeover," Niczay said. On top of that, the district - and all districts - is

vulnerable to a loss in state financial aid if the number of enrolled students falls.

"Our financial challenge is as always remain ongoing for the most part due to potential federal and state budget cuts and the potential loss of enrollment," Niczay said.

In Hamtramck, each stu-

dent generates \$7,000 per year for the district. In the current school year, the district enjoyed 200 extra

students that were not budgeted.

For the past several years the district has aggressively campaigned to attract and retain students. The district has also partnered with automotive giant General Mo-

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chased the building at 11360 Jos. Campau earlier this year. It came with 3,000 square feet of commercial space -six times bigger than its old home - on the first floor. There is also residential space on the second floor and more space further into the bowels of the building. "Downstairs will be our full production space," Clark says. "There is also a basement we can expand into."

Bon Bon Bon has grown into a staff of 10 people in the nearly two years since its founding. About half of that staff works on a full-time basis, while the rest is

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## This week at the library...

ESL Class - Monday, March 21, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

**Tuesday Family Movie** – Tuesday, March **22**, **4** p.m. Join us for a reading and viewing of a popular movie. (Refreshments will be provided.)

Citizenship Classes -Tuesday, March 22, 5 p.m. Hamtramck residents can get help in preparing for their citizenship exam. Classes are free. Registration is required.

**ESL Class** – Wednesday, March 23, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

**Movie Night Wednes-**<u>day</u> – At 6:30 p.m. March 23, To be announced; March 30, "The Hateful Eight."

**ESL Class** – Friday, March 25, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

Tax program - Mondays, through April 11, **10** a.m.-**4** p.m. Wayne Metro's Free Tax Pro-

gram offers accessible services throughout Wayne County, with different times and locaappointments are encouraged, walk-ins are also accepted. To make an appointment please call: (313) 388-9799.

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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.



## 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 Feb. 23, and all councilmembers were present.

Before the regular council meeting a work session was held. During that meeting Kathy Angerer, the city's Director of Community & Economic Development, talked about the yearly community develop-

Last year the city received over \$236,000, and Angerer said she expects a similar amount this year.

ment block grant.

It will be up to the council and administration to decide on how to spend the grant. The public was also given a chance to give their input.

Mayor Karen Majewski questioned one proposal on spending some of the grant on city hall. Angerer said city hall still has to come up to code with the Americans with Disability Act.

Majewski also asked about spending part of the grant on code enforcement. Angerer said grant rules are changing and this aspect will be phased

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Easter Mass - 9:30 am (Polish)

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Passion (2 pm), Private adoration until 6 pm

Blessing of the Baskets - 12 noon, 1 pm, 2 pm

Solemn Vigil Mass of Easter (English), 7 pm -

includes blessing of new fire and water

Resurrection Mass with Procession - 7 am

out. Angerer said the city has two years to find another way to fund this service.

Councilmember Anam Miah said he would rather use money earmarked for city hall to help homeowners install new roofs.

Majewski said she would like to see some of the grant go toward helping start-up businesses or fund a façade program.

City Attorney Travis Mihelick talked about a promarijuana ordinance that he put together. The ordinance would make possessing it a misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$500.

Mihelick said Hamtramck District Court Judge Paul Paruk asked him to put one together because the city does not have its own law on the matter. Instead, officers issue tickets under state law, which means most of the fines go to the state and not the district court.

(Editor's note: According to a report by the Metro Times Paruk denied asking for such an ordinance. Mihelick also later denied

saying the judge prompted him to draw up an ordinance.)

Mayor Karen Majewski said she would rather see this as a civil infraction. not a misdemeanor. Mihelick said that making it a civil infraction would mean officers could not confiscate marijuana from peo-

City Manager Katrina Powell said the council can decide what direction to take.

The council decided to go ahead with the first reading of the proposed ordinance and scheduled a public hearing under the condition that the council can change it later before its final vote.

Powell said she has selected a new contractor, Sewer and Water Specialists, to take over water and sewer line repairs.

The owner of the company said he has done work in Flat Rock, Taylor, Livonia, school districts, hospitals and banks.

"We can handle any situation that arises," he

Councilmember Miah said he wants written recommendations from other cities and customers. Councilmember Saad Almasmari agreed.

Mayor Majewski said recommendations aren't needed because

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part-time.

That workforce has al lowed Bon Bon Bon to double is sales over the last year. Clark expects production to pick up now what she has the room to grow.

"Hopefully this is something that can house us for a very long time," Clark says.

**Writer Jon Zemke** 

she trusts the administration on vetting the contrac-

Powell agreed, saying: "That's what we pay our city engineer big bucks to

Councilmember noted that the contract also calls for the company to help out with snow plowing. He said the request for bids didn't include that in its subject

Powell said the service is needed in case there is a major snowfall. She added that the service comes under the catch-all subject line in the bid request asking for "maintenance services."

Miah disagreed: "That's not maintenance services."

Powell noted that she is not required to get the council's approval on contracts, and that she can take it straight to the state-appointed Transition Advisory Board, which oversees city finances under the state's emer-

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# School Bell

## **Recreation Department News**

Saturday, March 19 –
 Bunny Breakfast from 10 11 a.m. at the Community
 Center

Spring is just around the corner, and the Easter Bunny is ready to celebrate. Kids can enjoy an exciting great breakfast with family before the Great Egg Scramble.

This hopping event is sure to fill up quickly so place your reservation today. Register at the Hamtramck High School Community Center. The fee is \$3 for adults and \$2 children ages 10 and under.

• Saturday, March 19 – The Great Egg Scramble starts at 11 a.m. at the Community Center. Hop on over for an eggseptionally good time with an egg hunt, candy and prizes.

Bring a basket to fill with goodies. No need to pre-register, just come on down.

Each child must be able to get the eggs them-

selves to participate. Parents are not allowed on the gym floor during the scramble. Residents Only, no admission fee.

### Hamtramck High School

Thursday, April 7 from 5:30-6:30 p.m – The Hamtramck High School Parent Association presents a special evening for students and parents with Dr. Patrick O'Connor, Associate Dean of College Counseling at Cranbrook Schools.

Dr. O'Connor is the author of "College is Yours 2.0." Learn everything you need to know about preparing, applying and paying for college.

This informational program will be held in the Hamtramck High School auditorium. Light refreshments will be hosted by the National Honor Society. We encourage all Hamtramck High School parents and students to attend.

Hamtramck High School students would like to



Hamtramck High School students Michael Young, Camarie Smith, Shafiul Alam and Alex Paradowski enjoyed a break in the Renaissance Center during the DECA Conference this past weekend in downtown Detroit.



Hamtramck High School students Agron Berishaj, Yunus Al-Garadi, Uke Jahaj and Social Studies teacher Anthony Battaglia enjoyed a break in the Renaissance Center during the DECA Conference this past weekend in downtown Detroit. thank the Hamtramck Knights of Columbus for their donations to several student groups.

The Knights of Columbus made a donation to the Princess Project to help make it a success for all of the girls. They also made a donation to the DECA and FIRST programs to help the teams. The donations are very much appreciated by the students.

#### Kosciuszko Middle School News

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://advanc-ed.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.

#### Dickinson West Elementary and Kosciuszko Middle School Library News

Along with Librarian Jill Baker, Dickinson West and Kosciuszko Middle School students celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday during the first week of March.



Jill Baker

Ms. Baker added extra fun, dressing up each day as a different Dr. Seuss character. She taught lessons around Dr. Seuss' favorite titles. Both teachers and students shared in the excitement of seeing Ms. Baker's outfits each day, as well as the li-

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## Hamtramck actor was the first famous movie superhero

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life was former Hamtramck resident, Tom Tyler.

Born Vincent Markowski in 1903, Tyler came to Hamtramck with his family at age 15. He had been born in Port Henry, N.Y., home of a movie studio, Arctic City, where the famous, early movie serial, "The Perils of Pauline," had been filmed.

During high school, he became involved in athletics and weight-lifting.

After graduation, Tyler worked for a short time at the Dodge Main plant. Then, while competing in an athletic contest at the Martha Washington Theater in Hamtramck, Tyler was approached by a Hollywood talent scout who told him to give Hollywood a try and he'd provide him with some names.

Borrowing some money from his younger sister Molly, Tyler set out for Hollywood with his friend, Emil Karkoski. In Denver, Karkoski decided to turn hack and return home.

Tyler went on without him.

Tyler began in B Westerns in 1924, changing his name to Tyler after the first few films. By the time his fourth movie was released, "Let's Go, Gallagher," he was playing lead roles.

In 1939, he appeared in "Gone With the Wind," John Ford's "Stagecoach" and as the mummy in Universal's "The Mummy's Hand" in 1940.

"By 1940, he was the biggest western star in America," says Greg Kowalski, Chairman of the Hamtramck Historical Commission. "At one point, he was bigger than Roy Rogers."

It was with more than 100 movies under his belt that, in 1940, he was chosen to play the role of "Captain Marvel."

Originally, Republic Studios had intended to produce a "Superman" serial, but when negotiations broke down, producers turned to the owners of the Man of Steel's biggest

comic book competitor.

"Captain Marvel" had only been appearing in comic books for several months when Republic purchased rights to the character. But, after, the serial was made, "Captain Marvel," went on to become the character with the largest comic book circulation during the 1940s, even beating out "Superman."

Critics say it was the mix of the cast, its mystery villain (not revealed until the end), stunt work and the special effects by the Lydecker brothers which created the right combination to make the serial such a success. Even after its initial release in 1941, it would be rereleased in 1953 and during the "Batman" craze in 1966.

"Most viewers thought Tom Tyler was great as Captain Marvel," said costar Frank Coughlan, Jr. in an interview with P.C. Hamerlinck in 1993. Coughlan played Captain Marvel's alter ego, teenager Billy Batson. Even after appearing in more than 400 films, Coughlan said his fans best remember him for his role in that one serial.

"Tom was very quiet and reserved," said another costar, Louise Currie, in her 1996 interview with Hamerlinck. "I thought he handled the part quite well. He was nice, kind and cooperative."

"I was 12 or 13 when I first saw the 'Adventures of Captain Marvel,'" says actor/director Jackson Bostwick, who played Captain Marvel in the 1970s TV program SHAZAM!

"I saw Chapter One at a local theater on the same bill as the original 'War of the Worlds' for a 10-cent ticket price. The flying sequences are amazing. From then on I was hooked. It had everything going for it – action, adventure, and a superhero that's fun to follow.

"I appreciate the serial

even more, today. And seeing it in black and white lends more to its stark reality than if it had been shot in color. Think of the effect that the 'Tarzan' movies had with Johnny Weissmuller, as the 'Ape Man,' being shot in black and white. Color would have diluted that 'Noir' effect. Hitchcock knew this, when he filmed, 'Psycho.'"

Coughlan and Curry both described Tyler as very shy. His shyness, however, did not stop him from reaching out to others.

"During his career, when he was big in Hollywood, he would come back here," says Kowalski. "He would meet with the local kids and have cake and cookies with them. He was a big hero to the kids.

"The St. Anne's Community House was one place he would meet with kids. We had a couple of community houses here in Hamtramck and they were basically settlement homes for immigrants. He

was very communityminded."

Tyler went on to appear in another 47 movies after Captain Marvel and some episodes of TV shows.

Unfortunately, his career was brought down early by scleroderma, a fatal and crippling disease. He returned to Michigan in 1953 where he stayed with his sister, Katherine Slepski, and her family in Detroit. Tyler passed away on May 3, 1954 at St. Francis Hospital, just three months before his 51st birthday. He is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

While Tyler may not be as well remembered today as he once was, his contributions to early Hollywood are chronicled forever on film. And like Captain Marvel, he was a humble, daring hero to millions of film-goers from the 1920s and into the '50s, and even today through DVDs.





# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

## Recreation millage is a quality of life issue, vote YES

several weeks Hamtramck vothead to the polls.

tramck Recreation Department, which is part of the public school district, will ask voters to renew a 10-year millage. This millage allows the department to operate its programs.

For a mere 4 mills, actually a little over 4 mills, the department recreation program for services hundreds of kids and adults each it's something that

It's a small price to ers will be asked to pay to ensure Hamtramck has a quality of On May 3, the Ham- life that we can be proud of.

> For homeowners, having a functioning recreation department helps maintain property values. It's the same effect of having a sound public school district.

Hamtramck has enjoyed an organized the past 20 years, and

should remain permanently.

be hearing You'll more about the millage campaign and what's going on in the recreation department in the coming weeks. In the meantime mark down on your calendar to vote on May 3.

Every vote counts in elections, and the recreation millage is no exception. Remember, vote YES for the recreation millage renewal.

## **District Court receives high** marks for customer satisfaction

The results are in, and it's clear that the public is pleased with how they interact with the Hamtramck 31st District Court.

Last October, the court conducted a "public satisfaction survey" that asked court-users to rate their experience at the court.

row, the public overwhelmingly said it had a good experience there.

Here's the breakdown:

- users felt they were treated with courtesy and respect by court
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- users felt the way the judge or magistrate han-• 93 percent of court dled their case was fair.
  - 90 percent of court users were able to get their business done in a reasonable amount of time.

In a press release, Judge Paul Paruk said it's his policy to stress treating court-users with respect and "ensuring fair outcomes in matters

He added that "our staff works extremely hard, and is genuinely public."

The survey was created by the State Court Office Administrative (SCAO), a division of the Supreme Court of Michigan, and must be conducted annually Michigan courts.

The complete results of the survey are available at Court's website, www.31stdistrictcourt.net.

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# Odds & Ends

Reading club... There was no shortage of volunteers at the recent Dicken-East Elementary School "March Reading Month."

A number of community leaders and residents visited classrooms and read stories to students.

School Board member Jackie Starr was also on hand.

Spirited... Royal Kabob Restaurant Manager Abdo Al-Khubari was recently awarded a "Spirit of Detroit" award for his support of Detroit police officers.

This is no ordinary award. The Spirit certificate is a highly-honored award, and we can testify that Abdo is indeed worthy of this appreciation. The restaurant is a favorite eatery for a number of public safety officers, including Hamtramck, Highland Park, Wayne County Sheriffs and Michigan State Police.

Royal Kabob is one of Hamtramck's finest restaurants. It's located at Caniff and Gallagher.

Above: A number of community leaders and volunteers participated in **Dickinson East Elemen**tary School's "March Reading Month" gram. School Boardmember Jackie Starr (above right) was also on hand.



Royal Kabob Restaurant Manager Abdo Al-Khubari recently received the "Spirit of Detroit" award for his support of public safety.









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brary area decorations.

look on everyone's face was so much fun. It was definitely a fun way to promote Reading Across America Month. One of the best parts of being a librarian is seeing a child find a book they enjoy and reading for fun."

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

- Monday, March 21 through Thursday, March 24 - Scholastic Book Fair. Please plan to attend our book fair during school hours.
- Tuesday, March 22 Holbrook will host a Learning Gizmos Game Night from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Holbrook families are encouraged to attend.
- Wednesday, March 23 Community Readers Day. If you would like to volunteer to read to a class, please call (313) 872-3203.
- March is Reading Month activities for the week of March 21 through March 24: Bring a Parent Day (March 21), perform a skit/role play, guest reader day, write a poem about spring, read to someone of your choice.

Holbrook Students of the

Week for the week of Ms. Baker said: "The March 14 were Ghida El-(Kindergarten), garde Zainab Mozab (1st grade), Saleh Alhalmi (2nd grade), Jamil Hassan (3rd grade), Shanzida Shaid (4th grade), Gehan Alqosimi (5th grade), Shayma Aljahim (6th grade), Aisha Gamoon (7th grade) and Molsen Alriyami (8th grade). Congratulations to our first group of students of the week.

#### **Horizon High School** News

Students must have earned a 3.0 or higher GPA and maintain exemplary behavior to be considered for Honor Roll at Horizon High School.

The following students have exhibited dedication to academic achievement and their efforts deserve to be recognized in achieving honor roll status during Marking Period 1 and/or Marking Period 2 for the 2015-16 School Year: Felicia Adams, Eamin Ahad, Bodrul Ahmed, Foysol Ahmed, Nader Ahmed, Sayem Ahmed, Shanu Ahmed, Jabed Ahmod, Shahrin Aktar, Masuma Akther, Dina Al Gahdari, Rania Al Halmi, Ahad Al Ziyadi,

Osama Albandani, Ezell

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**Congratulations Horizon** High School Honor Roll Recipients.

#### **All Schools** Friday, March 25-April

- 3 No school for students. Spring Break.
- · Monday, April 4 --School resumes.

Compiled by Janice Gandelman

## Obituaries

#### **BABIJ**

Diane Babij (nee Rutkowski), 66, died March 17, 2016.

Mrs. Babij was the beloved wife of Donald. Mrs. Babij was predeceased by her parents, Henry and Jenny. Mrs. Babij is also survived by her children, Marie (Edward) Ryniszewski, Donna (John) Henry, Robert: sister, Irene Gee; mother-inlaw. Elizabeth Babii: grandchildren, Ethan, Elizabeth, Alexander, Kaitlyn, Ashley.

Visitation is Friday, March 18, from 2-9 p.m., with Rosary time pending, at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212. Mrs. Babij will lie in state Saturday, March 19, at 11:30 a.m., until the funeral Mass at 12, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, 11200 Conant, Hamtramck. A private cremation will follow.

#### WILLIAMS

Guy Allen Williams, 46, died March 12, 2016

Mr. Williams is survived by his children, Madison, Hunter, Dylan; sisters, Catherine, Nancy; brothers, Lee, David, Paul, Ricky, Timmy, Jay, Tom; nieces many nephews.

Mr. Williams was a toolmaker.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 19, from 2-7 p.m. with a scripture service at 6 p.m. at Krot Funeral Home in Hamtramck.

## Pot law on hold for now

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was set for last Tuesday. The idea was that adjustments could be made later in the process of adopting the ordinance.

But Mayor Karen Majewski had second thoughts and took it off the table and canceled the public hearing.

However, she allowed time for public comment on the issue at Tuesday's council meeting.

Four speakers urged the council to back off from criminalizing marijuana. Three other spoke about medical marijuana dispensaries, which is something the city has declined to allow despite other cities moving ahead on that issue.

Carrie Beth Lasley, a Hamtramck resident who is also a member of the Zoning Board of Review, said there are 20 Michigan cities that have decriminalized or lessened the punishment for marijuana possession.

Instead of being progressive, she said, Hamtramck is "moving in the opposite direction" of where other cities are heading on this matter.

Another resident and outspoken critic of city government, Bill Meyer, speaking as a former consumer of alcohol and marijuana, urged the council to not pass a law against pot.

"People who smoke marijuana are not criminal," he said.

He said that marijuana is less harmful on the body than alcohol consumption or even sugar.

Meyer added that fining people \$500 for using it is a "crime itself."

"The trend in the country is towards decriminalizing drugs, not only marijuana," he said, adding: "The war on drugs has been a complete failure."

Mayor Majewski said public input will be considered in drafting a new policy on marijuana use. City Attorney Mihelick said he has several policies ready for the council to consider.

In typical Hamtramck tradition, this issue took a long, strange trip.

Mihelick initially said he was prompted to draw up an ordinance by Hamtramck 31st District Court Judge Paul Paruk who wanted to keep the fines local.

But the Metro Times reported a statement from Paruk in which he denied any request for the ordinance.

Paruk did not contact The Review nor share his statement with us.

After that Metro Times report City Attorney Mihelick denied he said the judge asked him to come up with an ordinance. The Review stands by its initial report.

One thing Mihelick didn't do, nor the city administration, was to first ask the city council and the mayor what they thought about the matter.







Food Ministries In Collaboration Apostle Connie and Bro. Bill can be heard every Thursday at 11:00 am-11:15 am.

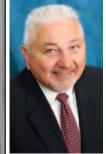
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## **FOR SALE**



#### **By Charles Sercombe**

This week's Crime Log covers March 8-14.

#### Tuesday, March 8

- · At a little after 1 a.m. a man was found sleeping in a shopping cart in the area of Caniff and Lumpkin. He was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital.
- · At almost 8 a.m. a resident was cited for possessing an open intoxicant after he was found laying in the street on Jos. Campau. He was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital.
- An agent for a business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported a possible embezzlement.
- · A resident reported the theft of his 1991 Chevy Sport Van while it was parked in the Lumpkin-Trowbridge area.
- · A man was arrested after a traffic stop for driving an unregistered car and having a suspended license.
- · A man was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license and being a parole absconder.
- · A resident reported someone damaged his rental house on Brombach.
- A resident reported he paid a man to work on his basement but the man took his money and did not complete the job.

#### Wednesday, March 9

- · At almost 3 a.m. a break-in at a business in the 8600 block of Jos. Campau was reported. An agent for the business said nothing was missing.
- · A Hamtramck resident and a Detroit resident were

- arrested for breaking into a garage in the 2700 block of Belmont.
- A residence on Jacob was broken into.
- A garage break-in was reported in the 12000 block of Sobieski.

#### Thursday, March 10

- · A woman reported being assaulted by three women while walking on Trowbridge near Conant.
- A person reported the theft his 2003 Pontiac Grand Am while it was parked in the 2400 block of Danforth.
- A woman reported the theft of her license plate registration tab from her car while it was parked on Nagel.
- · A juvenile was arrested after assaulting his mother.
- · A juvenile was arrested for stealing a cellphone inside a school.

#### Friday, March 11

- · At almost 10 p.m. a person observed three men break out the window of a car parked at Holmes and Jos. Campau. The suspects fled when the witness yelled at them.
- · An Evaline resident reported suspects attempted to gain entry into his house but were scared off from people inside the house. A resident reported that
- he met up with someone at gas station to purchase a cellphone. However, the person paid with counterfeit money.
- · A Grand Haven resident reported her ex-boyfriend stole her apartment key.

Saturday, March 12

- · At almost midnight a woman reported she was assaulted by her friend while in a parking lot on Caniff.
- · A car that had been reported stolen out of Hamtramck was recovered in St.

#### Sunday, March 13

Clair Shores.

- · A resident on Moran reported a break-in.
- · A woman requested police assistance involving a child custody issue.
- · A woman reported being assaulted by several people who also fired gunshots into the air in the area of Caniff and Dyar. By the time officers arrived the suspects had fled.

#### Monday, March 14

- · At 11 p.m. a resident in the 2200 block of Poland was arrested for domestic violence.
- · At almost 1:30 a.m. a resident was arrested for drunk driving after almost crashing into a police car. The driver had a blood-alcohol level of 0.22 - over twice the legal limit to drive.
- A resident was arrested after a traffic stop for having improper license plates.
- · A resident was arrested for driving without a license and being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- · At about 1 p.m. an ice cream truck was impounded on Faber for fraudulent activ-
- · An agent for a store on Holmes reported two suspects knocked over a shelf.
- · A resident was assaulted and robbed of his cellphone while on Holmes.
- · A McDougall resident reported someone attempted to gain entry into his storage shed.



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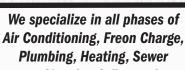
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WEDNESDAY, March 30, noon – The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will hold a Spring Card & Bunco Social at Queen of Apostles Activities Center, entrance on Harold, fenced-in parking. Admission is \$7 and includes lunch and a chance to win raffles, door prize and share-thewealth.

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## Hamtramck will be part of another DIA art installment

troit Institute of Arts is once again coming to Hamtamck.

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What's that?

A couple of years ago Hamtramck among the the DIA started up a pro-

weather reproductions selected from its famous collection of paitings in outdoor locations.

"Inside/Out has be-

come a key component of the DIA's community engagement efforts, " said Salvador Salort-Pons, DIA Director, in a press release.

Hamtramck will get nine reproductions, and they will be installed in the following locations:

- · Hamtramck Senior Plaza, 2620 Holbrook
- · Bumbo's, 3001 Holbrook
- Gates of Columbus, 9632 Conant

- Moose Lodge, 9421 **Conant Street**
- Small's, 10339 Conant
- Kabob House,11405 Conant Fresh Valley Fruit Mar-
- ket, 3011 Caniff Veterans Park, Jos.
- Campau and Danfortht Zussman
- across from city hall

In a press release, Mayor Karen Majewski praised the project.

"The City of Hamtramck

is thrilled to be selected to share the arts program and further expand our partnership with the DIA," said Majewski.

There are ongoing plans in the works to promote the installation. Anyone who wants to help out with planning or assisting is asked to call Community & Economic Development Director Kathy Angerer at (313) 876-7700, extension 326.



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# City Hall Insider ... **Continued from page 3**

gency manager law.

(Editor's note: According the Emergency Manager's Final Directives, the following is stated under Section 9 regarding the duties of the city manager: "Review and recommend to the city council approval of contracts or purchase of goods or services with a value exceeding \$10,000, subject to approval by the (TAB) Board.")

In the regular meeting during another discussion on how to spend a development block grant, a woman suggested creating pocket parks through-

out the city, particularly north of Caniff where there are no parks at all.

**Economic Development** Director Angerer said she doesn't know if the city owns any property north of Caniff, but she will look

Attorney Mark Koroi said he was concerned about the lack of "budgetary restraint." He also said that former Councilmember Cathie Gordon is filing an ethics grievance over the mayor's irregular water service connection at her store, Tekla, on Jos. Cam-

In a discussion on hiring

a company to take over water and sewer line repairs, Councilmember Mohammad Hassan objected to a three-year contract. He said he prefers a oneyear contract in case the city is dissatisfied with the company's performance.

City Manager Powell said the contract allows for the city to easily exit the contract in case something comes up.

Councilmember Miah questioned whether anyone on council read the contract. He suggested postponing the vote in order to review the contract.

Councilmember Andrea Karpinski said it's the role of the administration to work out the contract. Mayor Majewski agreed, saying councilmembers are not experts on this matter and that's why it's the administration's job.

"We have to be able to trust our department heads," she said.

The council voted down the contract 4-3, with Councilmembers Almasmari, Abu Musa, Miah and Hassan voting against it.

Mayor Majewski said the contract will now go forward to the TAB.

"I'm sure they'll appreciate that," she said, sarcastically, of the council's stand on the matter.

Councilmember Karpinski said this will probably be the last time the council will get a preview of a contract and be asked to approve one.

Councilmember Musa asked Police Chief Anne Moise why so many businesses are being targeted by criminals.

Moise assured him that officers are on patrol, but can't say why crime occurs. Musa asked for patrols to be increased. Moise said there are only so many officers.

# **Hamtramck Public Schools**

# 2016/2017 Kindergarten Round-Up Dates

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