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Quick Hits

Hey kids, want to sharpen your sports skills?

The Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium and The Hamtramck Stadium Grounds Crew has a deal for you this Saturday, April 20.

The group is once again hosting a free youth sports clinic at Hamtramck Stadium.

Coaches Hesham Alyafai (soccer), Michael Wilson (baseball/softball), and Ali Ahmed (cricket) will instruct youth ages 7-14 in the fundamentals of each sport.

The fun starts at noon and goes until 5 p.m.

The clinic includes snacks and beverages. Registration will be onsite on the day of the clinic. For more information, call (313) 982-7520.

Saturday will also be a day to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Detroit Stars, which was founded on April 20, 1919. The team, part of the Negro League, played at the stadium during the 1930s.

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Happy Easter

The best things in life are free

**By John Ulaj
 Publisher**

It's such an exciting time, when the wonderful season of spring arrives! It's also a reminder that something better is approaching – yes, summer!

Meanwhile, spring brings out all those wonderful colors, in her flowers, blooming trees, and wonderful array of birds. I myself am partial to cardinals, although they stay all winter, and hummingbirds, when they finally appear in summer.

Just last week, we finally had a break in the weather. It got warm, and it was wonderful to take a walk and

absorb the sun. I liken it to tasting of the freedom I believe we all have (although, a freedom not all of us enjoy).

Along this line of thinking, just the other day, something interesting happened. I sat at a table with nine other people, and the sub-

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Election deadline approaching

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's election season is about to be off and running.

Next Tuesday (April 23) at 4 p.m. is the filing deadline for city council candidates.

Councilmembers Anam Miah, Saad Almasari and Abu Musa are up for re-election.

As of press time Thursday, none of them have yet filed to run.

At press time, the only candidates to file are: Nayeem Choudhury and Carrie Beth Lasley.

The terms are for four years.

To file, you can either do it the easy way and simply spend \$100, or you can get nominating petitions. Candidates using petitions must get at least 40 Hamtramck registered voters to sign on, with no more than 100.

City Clerk August Gitschlag warns that candidates should turn their nominating petitions in early, rather than later, just in case something is erroneously filled out, in which case there could still be time to fix it.

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April 21 – Easter Sunday Resurrection of our Lord, Procession and Holy Mass 8 am only

April 22 – Easter Monday Holy Mass in Polish – (Msza Sw. w.j. Polskim) 10 am



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ject of depression came up; how prevalent it has become. Many of us there chimed in on the conversation.

It was mentioned that people are not walking as much, and that a lack of sun could be contributing to many bodily ailments, as well as probably playing a significant role in depression. The sad thing about not taking part is that walking – and subsequently enjoying and absorbing the sun – doesn't cost a dime.

Getting solar exposure is thought to increase serotonin levels by triggering certain hormones, the process of which in turn elevates both your mood and energy level. The sun also provides a healthy dose of vitamin D, which helps fight against depression, in part because of its anti-inflammatory properties.

Of course, you still have to be smart and protect your scalp, face, and other exposed skin areas from too much sun.

We live in a culture that tells us to accumulate material things, yet we all too often neglect one of the most important parts

of life: health. Many have bought into the notion that one must be extremely wealthy in order to enjoy life's pleasures, but to the contrary, this is absolutely false.

Getting out in the sun, for example, is still free!

Depression is absolutely a serious condition, and many go through it, no matter their race, culture or belief system.

I know that some are diagnosed with it clinically, diagnosed with it acutely or chronically, and that's unfortunate. A few may even use it as an excuse to not want to participate fully in life. That can include not enjoying the outdoor activities they once did.

I just recently lost one of my great friends, Jim Bialas, in a way that I didn't fully see coming. True, he had been suffering from progressive kidney failure, and underwent dialysis for some years. But, it was a so-called "widow-maker" heart attack that ultimately struck him down at the too-young age of only 58.

The shocking thing is that, before his passing, we had laughed and enjoyed great fellowship together just a few Sundays back. This shock brought on a formidable despair, and a profoundly depressed state of mind – other than knowing about the issue with his kidneys, I still thought of him as reasonably healthy.

The blessed news that I carry with me, and believe me it did help me tremendously, is that God showed His mastery over death through the power of Christ on the Cross at Calvary.

This Sunday is EASTER, and so His message of hope comes around once again, just as do the seasons: God demonstrating His love for humanity, a reminder that we don't have to dread the inevitability of death and that Christ is always with you, for those who believe.

Jesus, the Son of God and Savior, is a gift from God the Father – extending the olive branch of his unconditional love to us, showing us that He's not yet done with this world.

Many may feel that the world is spinning out of control. But God still governs the affairs of mankind. And you don't earn salvation – it is a gift from God to you, if you are just willing to reach for it.

JUST AS THE SUN EMPOWERS OUR FLESH, IF WE LET OURSELVES GO OUT INTO IT, SO TOO DOES JESUS THE SON OF GOD EMPOWER OUR SPIRITS!

And so, a most happy and joyous Easter season to you all. And please, enjoy the sun and the summer warmth as often as possible this, and every, year!



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ESL Class - Wednesday April 24th, 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

ESL Class - Thursday April 25th, @ 12:00 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

Toddler Time - April 4th-May 9th, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. Children up to age 5 and their parents and caregivers are invited for songs, storytelling and playtime.

Movie Night - Tuesdays at 4 p.m. Family friendly movies, snacks provided.

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Food For Fines
Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeast Michigan is once again teaming up with The Hamtramck Public Library for the annual Food for Fines/Food for Thought campaign. Between March 20 and April 30, 2019 The Hamtramck Public Library will be accepting non-perishable food donations on behalf of Gleaners as they work together to help our hungry neighbors in need. To thank you for your donation, you will receive library fine forgiveness for each item you bring! (See Library personnel for details. Fine forgiveness cap may apply.)

For more information about events at the library call (313) 733-6822, or visit its website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access the online catalog. The library is located at 2360 Caniff.

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School Bell

HPS students compete in Optimists Area Level Oratorical Competition

On Saturday, April 6, three Hamtramck Public Schools students, Stella Hughes, Fahim Uddin and Tarik Custovic, competed in the Optimists Area Level Oratorical Competition.

Stella Hughes, a sixth grader from Dickinson East, placed third overall.

Fahim Uddin and Tarik Custovic from Kosciusko Middle School also competed. Tarik and Stella represented the Downtown Optimists at the event, whereas Fahim represented Central Detroit Optimists.

This last competition concludes the speech contest season. Total winnings for HPS students for the 2018-2019 school year amounted to \$1,500. Congratulations to these students!

Dickinson East Elementary School News

Detroit City Football Club (DCFC), Hamtramck's local soccer team, visited sixth graders at Dickinson East on April 10.

DCFC Media Director Lindsey Pehrson, along with players Willie Spurr and Jalen Crisler, spoke with students in Ms. Rahiel Housey-Johnson's sixth grade class.

They spoke about how their careers were shaped by their desire to be a part of the sports world from a young age.

They stressed the value of a good education, and that there are many worthwhile careers that can combine athleticism and academics.

Mr. Crisler cited the example of an injury that could have sidelined him; he has a marketing degree, so he would be able to pursue other interests.

Mr. Spurr said his best game was when he and his team broke the arch rival team's 10-year winning



Above: staff members of the Detroit City Football Club recently met with Dickinson East students. Below: Hamtramck High School students Stella Hughes (standing at far left), Fahim Uddin (seated at far left) and Tarik Custovic (in white shirt beside banner) recently competed in an Optimists Area Level Oratorical Competition.



streak; highlighting that goals can take time and hard work.

Ms. Pehrson spoke about the myriad opportunities to be a part of the team off the field, such as in merchandising and operations.

They also spoke about all the exciting new things happening for DCFC and for Keyworth Stadium. A section of the bleachers will be repaired, new turf; and VIP suites have been installed.

Also, the team is switching from being semi-professional to being in a professional league, with 16 home games scheduled in 2019. Thanks to the DCFC representatives for taking time out of their busy schedules to come visit with students!

Dickinson West Elementary School News

Dickinson West students

of the month for April 2019 are: Mrs. Miller – Ibrahim Havasy; Ms. Gilbert – Saima Rahman; Mrs. Adamus – Tahsin Shah; Ms. Lambdin – Sarah Khan; Mrs. Arnold – Ha’Vier Franklin; Mrs. Gerstacker – Georgia Glinke; Mrs. Seawood – Nahida Khanom; Ms. Carrico – Hussain Chowdhury; Mrs. Sliwinski – Zahra Alhaddi; Mrs. Twymon – Ariel West; Mrs. Segura-Torres – Devonta Chapman; Mrs. Stoddard – La’Shyra Perry; Ms. Turczyn – Ali Nagi; Mrs. Bradley – Khadija Algaheim; Mrs. Mitchell-Kipila – Rafi Hussain; Mr. Toboy – Olivia Grove; Ms. Vujic – Rahf Al-Sanabani. Congratulations to these students. Keep up the good work!

Enrollment Information

Hamtramck residents may enroll their children in Hamtramck Public Schools at the HPS Business Office, 3201 Roosevelt. School of Choice applications will be accepted during the following dates: Kindergarten: Unlimited, through September 5; grades 1st through 12th: Unlimited, through June 28.

Late school of choice applications cannot be accepted. School of choice applicants may be denied based on the student's attendance and/or discipline record.

You will need to bring with you: an original birth document (raised seal birth certificate, passport, green card, visa), an up-to-date immunization record,

a final 2018-2019 report card/transcript, parental identification, two current proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage statement, formal signed lease, pay stub, etc.) and proof of income (required only for preschool applications).

Upcoming Events:

- April 19 – No school for students and staff.
- May 1 – End of Progress Report Period 4.
- May 9 – Progress Report 4 Distributed.
- May 24 – Half day for students and staff.
- May 27 – No school for students and staff. Memorial Day.
- May 28 – School resumes.
- May 30 – Last day for preschool.
- May 30 – Last day for Hamtramck and Horizon High School Seniors.

Recreation Department News

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Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday - April 13-14
5:30pm Saturday (English),
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Holy Thursday - April 18 - 6:00 pm
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (English & Polish), includes washing of the feet; after Mass the Eucharist will be reserved in the chapel for adoration until 9:00pm

Good Friday - April 19 - NO MORNING MASS
12 noon - 3:00 pm - Gorzkie Żale, Stations of the Cross, Choir Tribute, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 2pm followed by adoration until 6pm.

Holy Saturday - April 20
Blessing of Baskets - 12 noon, 1pm, 2pm;
Solemn Vigil Mass of Easter - 7pm (Polish/English), new fire will be kindled and blessed, Liturgy of the Word, Blessing of Water, Liturgy of Baptism/Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Sunday - April 21
7:00 am Resurrection Procession and Mass (English & Polish)
9:30 am Easter Mass (Polish)

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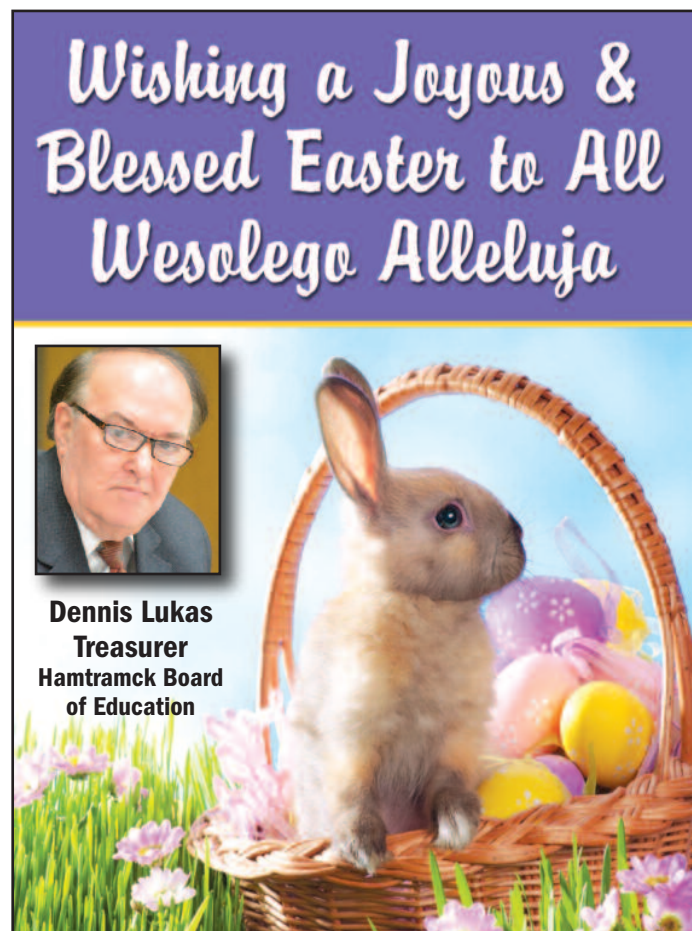
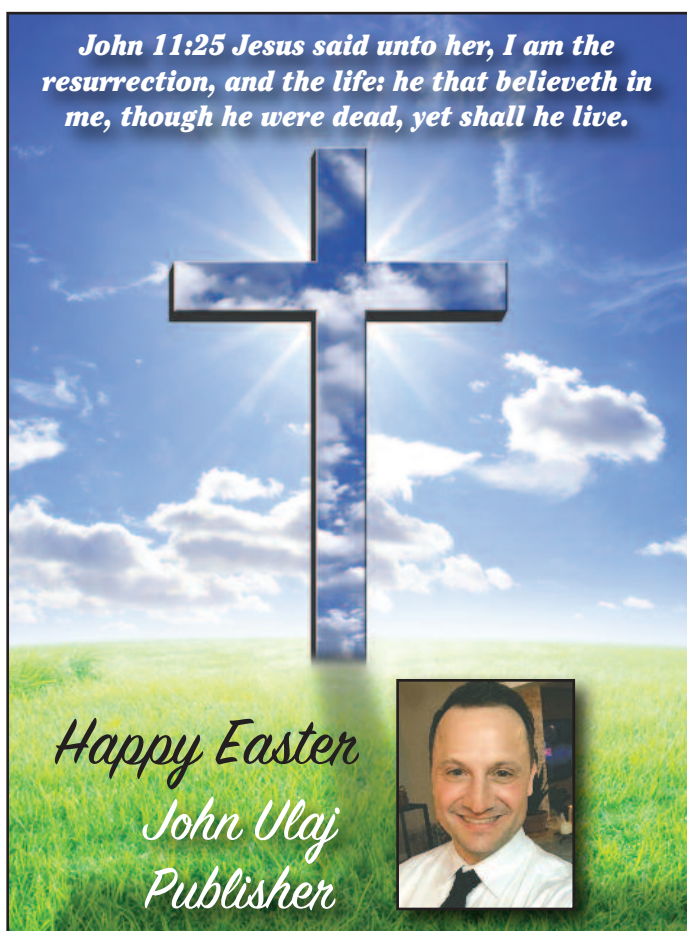
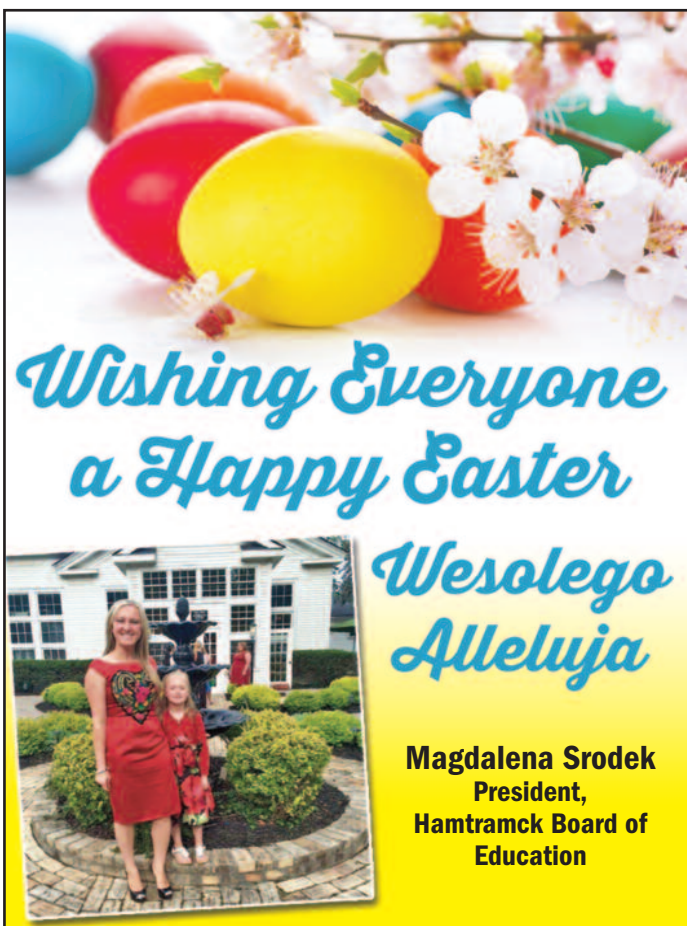
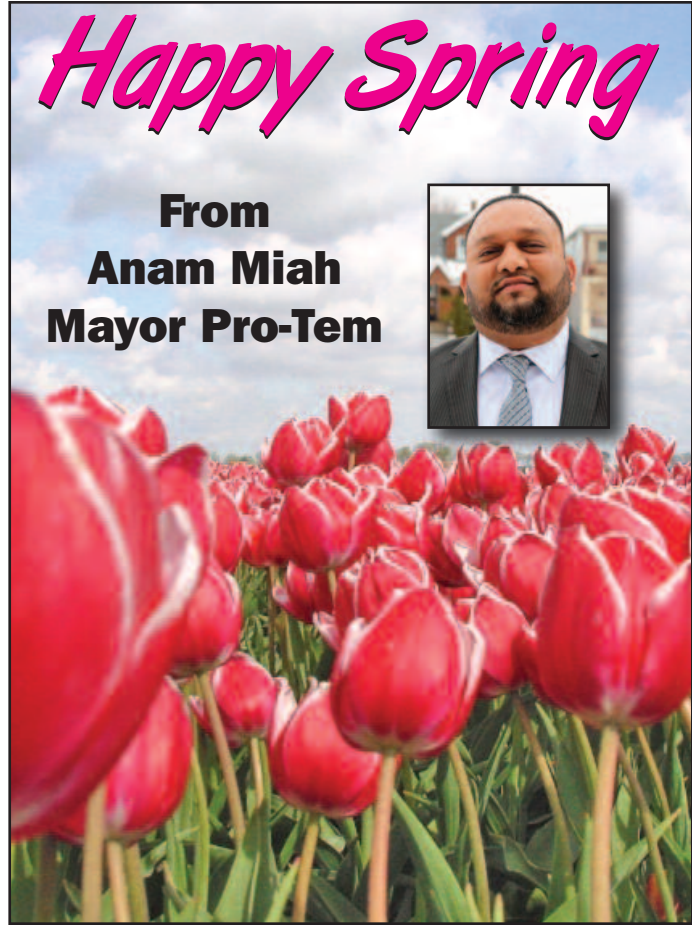
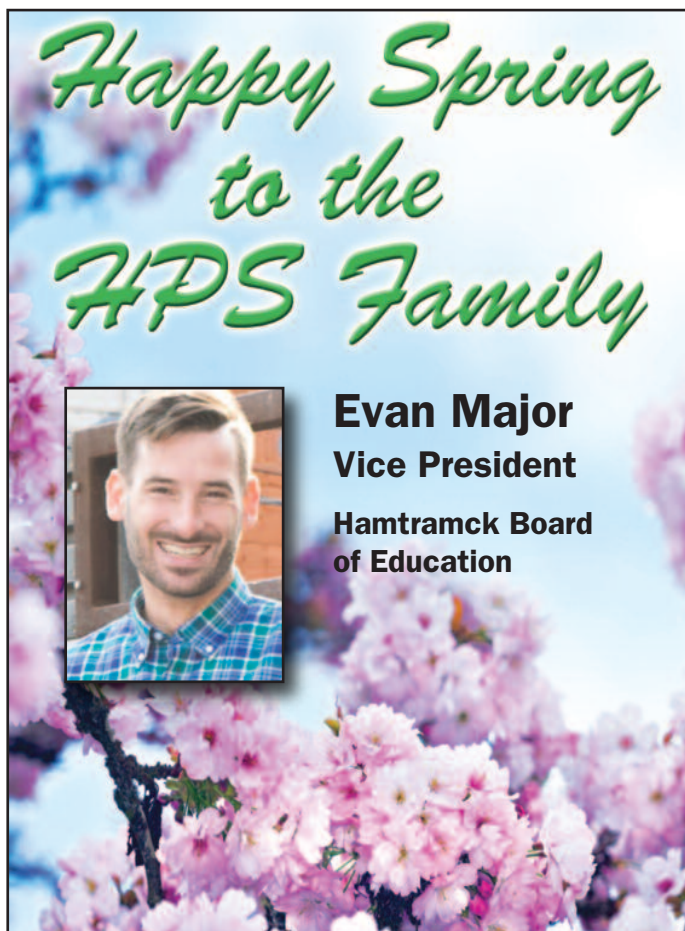
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In Our Opinion

Budget crunch will require some hard choices

Last week’s announcement that the Holbrook repaving project started back up will be about the only good news for street improvements this year.

It is likely that the city will have to halt its alley repaving project next year because there is going to be a serious budget shortfall in the coming months.

You’ve probably read this many times already, but it’s worth repeating: It is expected that GM will close down its Poles-town Plant this coming January, which will likely mean the city will no longer receive about \$850,000 a year the

company pays in lieu of property taxes.

That alone is a huge blow to the city’s budget. It gets worse, though, It is also expected that when the new Wayne County Jail is completed in Detroit, the Hamtramck county jail will be closed.

That closure will translate into a loss of \$1.1 million a year that the county pays also in lieu of property taxes.

City officials are struggling to figure out how to survive these massive losses of revenue. You can bet the solutions will not be popular.

Something – maybe several things – in the

budget will have to be sacrificed.

Hamtramck has been in tough financial situations before, and sometimes the state has had to step in and take over management of the city. Unfortunately, the state never solved our long-range financial concerns.

There is already blowback from some city officials who say we can’t do this or that. Unfortunately, they have not yet offered any solutions.

Brace yourself residents, it’s going to get rough in the months ahead – and we’re not just talking about our crumbling roads.

Odds & Ends

Correction... In last week’s issue, it was incorrectly reported in the City Hall Insider column that a vote to censure City Councilmember Ian Perrotta was 4-2, with Perrotta and Andrea Karpinski voting against it.

They actually abstained in the vote, making it 4-0. Councilmembers Anam Miah, Saad Almasmari, Abu Musa and Fadel Al-Marsoumi voted in favor of the resolution.

Perrotta has vehemently denied the accusations in the censure.

The Review apologizes for the error.

Here is the full censure resolution:

RESOLUTION 2019-07APPROVING CENSURE OF COUNCILMAN IAN PERROTTA FOR ASSAULTIVE, ABUSIVE AND UNCIVIL CONDUCT

WHEREAS, Hamtramck takes pride in its history as a community that welcomes immigrants from all parts of the world;

WHEREAS, Hamtramck currently has one of the most diverse populations of any city in the United States;

WHEREAS, elected and appointed officials of the City of Hamtramck serve at the pleasure of all resi-

dents of the city regardless of their respective gender, sexual orientation, ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds and should set an example of how people of different backgrounds should interact with one another without regard to these characteristics;

WHEREAS, Councilman Perrotta made several disparaging remarks to CBS Detroit that were published on September 11, 2017, about recent immigrant arrivals to Hamtramck insinuating that, as a group, they lacked basic knowledge of and adherence to community norms related to sanitation and property maintenance;

WHEREAS, Councilman Perrotta’s bigoted comments relied upon and furthered harmful and hurtful stereotypes about European and Western cultural superiority over many of the immigrant cultures represented by members of this Council and the broader community;

WHEREAS, Councilman Perrotta’s bigoted comments brought disrepute upon this body, held up members of this community and the city itself for

School board to interview six candidates for superintendent’s position

By Charles Sercombe

The search for a new public school superintendent is ramping up next week.

Some 28 educators applied for the job, but the school board whittled that list down to six candidates to interview.

Interviews begin next Wednesday, April 24, and run through Friday, April 26.

The public is allowed to sit in on the interviews, which will be held at the Hamtramck Public Schools Administration Building at 3201 Roosevelt, located next to Keyworth Stadium.

Current Superintendent Tom Niczay is retiring after 40 years in education, the last 10 of which as superintendent.

Niczay became superintendent during a financial crisis when the district was millions of dollars in debt. He and his administration managed to climb out of it, and the district now has a \$9.8 million budget surplus.

Niczay’s team also grew the district’s student population back up and now boast of having over 3,000 students.

The district had seen a dramatic drop in students because of a dozen or so charter schools that popped up in the city and right outside in Detroit.

The district grew to the point that a couple of years ago it had to purchase a former charter school building on Hanley.

Niczay’s last day is June 31 of this year.

According to a press release issued by the district, the following candidates, which includes one current administrator, will be interviewed:

- Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m.: Dr. Youssef Mosallam, Executive Director of Community Partnerships, College & Career Readiness Achievement, Dearborn Public Schools
- Wednesday, April 24 at 8:10 p.m.: Jaleelah Ahmed, English Language Development Director,

Hamtramck Public Schools

- Thursday, April 25 at 6 p.m.: James Baker, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Lakeview School District
- Thursday, April 25 at 7:40 p.m.: Yvonne Lewis, Instruction & Curriculum Specialist, Harper Woods School District
- Friday, April 26 at 5 p.m.: Dr. Richard Klee, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Crestwood School District
- Friday, April 26 at 6:40 p.m.: Dr. Jamii Hitchcock, Director of Character Education, Diversity & Equity, Birmingham Public Schools

A second round of interviews will be held starting April 29 for candidates who make the cut. The school board is expected to make a decision on who to hire during the week of May 13.

The school board could also decide to pass on all of the candidates and start a new search.

Planet Ant to host comedy festival featuring all-women cast

By Alan Madlane

Memorial Day Weekend in Hamtramck: Hilarious?

While comedy might not be the first thing you think of when you imagine that particular holiday, the fact is that there’s funny coming.

That’s because our favorite big purple house in town, Planet Ant Theater, will be lightening things up with the 2nd Annual Detroit Women of Comedy Festival from May 30 to June 2.

Billed as the first of its kind in Detroit to focus strictly on women in comedy, last year’s festival was wildly successful, with 150-some submissions to participate, and 2,000 tickets sold.

Returning acts from last year include headliner Maribeth Monroe, whose resume includes tons of prominent TV shows, including a regular stint on “Workaholics” and guest appearances on “According to Jim,” “Hannah Montana,” “Key and Peele,” “Modern Family,” “Robot Chicken” (voice), “Parks and Recreation,” “Detройters,” “Big Bang Theory,” and “Crazy Ex-Girlfriend,” as well as film roles in “Downsizing” and “Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle.”

Also coming back for more is local legend and co-headliner Jaime Moyer, who herself has had recurring roles on “Modern Family,” “K. C. Undercover,” “F’ed” and “Bonnie Blake: Parole Officer,” as well as appearances on “Parks and Recreation,” “2 Broke Girls” and “Detройters,” plus roles in the TV movies “Prayers for Bobby” and “Ken Jeong Made Me Do It.”

Chicago-grown comedians Shantira Jackson (writer for “Busy Tonight” and, before that, “50 Central”) and Stacey Smith are back, as are “Mama’s Boy” (watch out guys, they might bring you up onstage with them!) and savvy vets “Bottle of Red” (the dynamic duo of Detroit improv, Margaret Edwartowski and Nancy Hayden).

Festival founders Audra Jantz and Kate Holmes note that the festival also serves the purpose of giving back to such local charities as the Detroit Creativity Project and the femme-centric “Girls Rock Detroit.”

Visit their website for ticket info and schedule: planetant.com/dwcf

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Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Spring is a time for autism awareness

By **Barika Butler, MD**
It is finally spring!

You take a walk through the park and notice two young children, about age four, playing in the sand-box. They sit side by side, quietly pushing sand around, not interacting with each other but enjoying their time with the sand and the sun.

One of these children has an Autism Spectrum Disorder or ASD. Can you tell which one?

ASD often referred to as Autism, is a group of disorders usually characterized by challenges in social interaction, communication, and repetitive behaviors or interests.

Autism is usually diagnosed in childhood and does not currently have a cure. No two people with Autism are the same, just as no two people are the same.

How, then, can you tell

which of the children above, or anyone for that matter, has Autism?

The simple answer is that just by walking past these two children in the park, you may not be able to tell at all. Many children, and adults are able to function in the world, thrive at school, maintain friendships, travel with their families, and work for a living.

They may be playing in the sand alongside another child in the park right now. There are other people with Autism, who will present with some uniqueness and challenges including behavioral concerns, learning difficulties, speech disturbances, and others.

As a child psychiatrist, I am often asked, everywhere from PTO meetings to quiet whispers in my office, how would one know their loved one has



Barika Butler

Autism?

My answer is simple.

Autism presents with unique symptoms for each person; there is no one size fits all. With that, I always recommend an evaluation by certified professionals, including engagement from parents and caregivers, child psychiatrists, psychologists and others specializing in testing and assessment, including school professionals.

Although it can be difficult to navigate, your pedi-

atrician and your child's teacher or school counselor are great places to start.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports a steady increase in the prevalence of Autism in the US, having increased from 1 in 150 children in the year 2000 to 1 in 59 in 2014, with a notable increase of 15% between 2012 and 2014.

Although there are many theories as the why the numbers are increasing, I believe some of it can be attributed to teachers, parents, and pediatricians being aware of the symptoms and seeking help for their loved ones.

One of the most important aspects of treating Autism and allowing your child the best chance at doing their best is early intervention.

Here are some ways you can be proactive about your child's health:

- Milestones! Track your child's milestones, which monitor over time how they are learning, moving, speaking, interacting and developing physically and cognitively. There are a number of

apps that can help track milestones, including one offered by the CDC for free, in English and Spanish.

- Discuss your concerns with your child's pediatrician early and often. As a parent and a doctor, I take my doctor's hat off when I visit with my children's physician, and ask a lot of questions. Remember when you were young and you were told, there are no stupid questions?

This is true in your doctor's office too. We want to hear from you. I always tell my patients "I am the expert in medicine, YOU are the expert when it comes to your child." Understanding and healing is a team effort. Speak up early, often, and loudly.

- Engage your school or other early intervention programs in your area. Your school and daycare staff spend significant time with your child. Ask them for input on symptoms and for resources to help your child thrive.

- Get an evaluation. When in doubt, trust your gut and listen to the signals that your child or

loved one is sending.

- Build a team. The optimal care for a child with Autism is a team sport. Your team may include a child psychiatrist, therapist, social worker, school counselor, speech and language therapist, and occupational therapist.

- Know your rights. People with Autism have medical and educational rights that must be addressed. Enlist health care advocates as needed.

- Reach out. Autism Speaks is an excellent resource. Their Autism Response Team will help you navigate the system from screening and diagnosis to education and job placement.

Call the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority. We are Here to Talk. Here to Help. Call our 24/7 helpline at 1-800-241-4949. We can help you start your journey to a fulfilling life for you, your child, and your family.

(Barika Butler is an MD, MHCM and is the Chief Medical Officer for the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority.)

Election deadline approaching

Cont. from front page

Candidates who have second thoughts about seeking a seat on council have until Friday, April 26, to withdraw.

The city council race is

the only local office that will be on the ballot this year. So far, there are no proposals being discussed that would require voter approval.

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers April 9-15.

Tuesday, April 9

- At a little after 1 a.m., a driver was arrested, after a traffic stop, for multiple offenses.
- A car stolen out of Troy was recovered.
- A Yemans St. resident reported that their city-issued trash can was stolen.

• A resident from Westland was ticketed for allowing their dog to run at large in the area of Carpenter and Lumpkin.

• A resident in the 2300 block of Pulaski St. reported the theft of two postal packages from their porch.

Wednesday, April 10

- At a little after midnight, a person was arrested in the 9400 block of McDougall for obstruction.
- A Sobieski St. resident reported receiving harassing communications.
- A Goodson St. resident reported an incident of fraud.

• Five 911 hang-up calls were reported at the police station.

• A resident reported that, while at the Hamtramck Library, their dark grey Huffy bicycle was stolen.

Thursday, April 11

• At about 6:30 a.m., a Lehman St. resident was arrested for home invasion.

• A Botsford St. resident reported a theft.

• A Conant business reported a break-in.

• A hit-and-run accident occurred at Jos. Campau and Poland.

• A Detroit resident reported being assaulted.

• A Lumpkin St. resident was arrested during an investigation.

Friday, April 12

• A Klinger St. resident reported a theft.

• A Wyandotte St. resident reported damage to their property.

Saturday, April 13

• At 2:30 a.m., a suspect was arrested in the 2300 block of Commor St. for domestic violence.

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Coming events

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MONDAY, April 22, 9 a.m. – Wayne County Commissioner Martha Scott hosts a free Community Coffee Hour every fourth Monday of the month at Maine Street Restaurant, 11650 Jos. Campau.

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- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Jos. Campau and Pulaski.

Sunday, April 14

- A Detroit resident was arrested in the 2700 block of Holbrook for being wanted on a warrant.
- A security guard for a business in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau reported that his vehicle was broken into, and some items were stolen.
- At 2 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving after a traffic stop. The driver also had a child in the car, and was cited for child endangerment.
- Officers assisted a Sterling Heights resident in recovering her car, which had been stolen out of Warren.

Monday, April 15

- A resident was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on two Hamtramck warrants.
- A resident was arrested for drunk driving.
- A resident reported a break-in.
- A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop, after providing false information to an officer.

Happy Spring

From Salah Hadwan
Hamtramck School Board Member

Happy Spring!

from Abu Musa
Councilman

Wishing a Happy, Safe and Healthy Easter Season to the residents of the City of Hamtramck!

From City Councilmember Andrea Karpinski.



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. 26. Mayor Karen Majewski and Councilmember Saad Almasmari were absent.

Wayne County Commissioner Martha Scott said she would like to place a statue of civil rights legend Rosa Parks in the city's new park, the Sarah Sims Garrett Memorial Park.

The park, located on Dequindre just north of Caniff (on the west side of I-75), has yet to be developed.

The council agreed to install the statue.

The city's auditors presented a financial review. The report showed that the city has an \$8.2 million budget surplus, and that 51 percent of the city's revenues come from property taxes and state grants.

About 65 percent of the city's expenses go toward public safety, which is considered within the normal range for any municipality.

On the down side, the city's pension fund is running a deficit.

During public comment, Bill Meyer said he is trying to save a mural on the side of a building at Jos. Campau and Goodson. He said the owner wants to build a two-story build-

ing on the lot next to the mural, which would effectively block the public's view of it.

Meyer said he is working with the owner to find another lot to build on.

The council took the first step to vacate streets near the Missant Building on Conant. The owner of the building said the streets had previously been vacated many years ago, but there is no official record of that action by the city.

(At a later hearing in

March, the council postponed that proposal.)

The council approved a \$201,000 grant from the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission.

In a memo to the city, it was explained that the grant will "provide funding to Hamtramck so that the city can provide attorneys to defendants who are not able to afford their own attorney ..."

Councilmember Ian Perrotta said the city needs to update its recording technology in order to bet-

ter broadcast the council meetings.

City Clerk August Gitschlag said he is working on the matter, but said he is "handcuffed" by the city's contract with Comcast.

Financial Director Susan Hendricks gave a short update on the city's finances. She said some departments have been overspending, particularly the Fire Department.

"We are diving into the expenditures there," she said.

Odds & Ends

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saulting a member with whom he disagreed and by attempting to provoke physical altercations with other members;

WHEREAS, Councilman Perrotta's abusive language toward a female employee on December 11, 2018 and communications with this employee since that time have the potential of creating a hostile work environment for her as well as any other employees subjected to it;

NOW THEREFORE, HAM-TRAMCK CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1.That Councilman Ian

Perrotta be and hereby is publicly censured for remarks he made in the above referenced CBS report from September 11, 2017 as well as his hostile and abusive behavior since that time including, but not limited to, his conduct at the December 11, 2018 city council meeting;

2.That Councilman Ian Perrotta be and hereby is admonished to guard against making such biased, abusive and impertinent remarks in the future;

3.That Councilman Ian Perrotta be and hereby is

warned that the sergeant-at-arms will remove him from any future proceedings in which he engages in or threatens to engage in assaultive conduct.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN THIS 22ND DAY OF JANUARY 2019.

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Happy Easter!
From Councilman Ian Perrotta

Happy Spring

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