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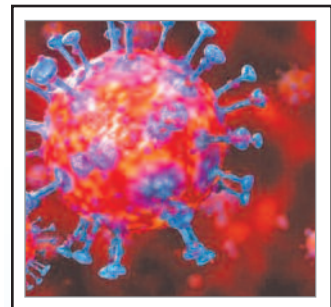
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Quick Hits

Good news for ‘gig’ workers

By Alan Madlane

Michigan’s self-employed workers, gig workers, 1099-independent contractors and low-wage workers affected by COVID-19 can now apply for federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).

Under the federal CARES Act, workers on state unemployment have already begun receiving the set \$600 federal weekly payment in addition to their state benefit amount. Michigan is one of the first states to begin sending the \$600 payment.

“We will do everything we can to continue providing emergency financial assistance as quickly as possible to the Michigan working families who have lost income as a result of COVID-19,” Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said.

For such eligible workers, going online is the fastest and easiest way

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Hamtramck’s historic baseball stadium gets another ‘win’


By Charles Sercombe

The restoration effort for the historic Hamtramck baseball stadium just scored a huge home run.

The National Park Service, through its African American Civil Rights Historic Preservation Fund, awarded the city and Wayne County \$490,729 to make improvements.

The baseball stadium, built in 1930, served the National Negro League. At the time, Major League Baseball forbade African-Americans from playing in the all-white leagues.

The stadium, one of only five surviving stadiums nationally that



The first phase of renovation is set to go for the historic Hamtramck Stadium thanks to various state and federal grants. The city has been working with school officials as well as county and state economic departments to fully restore the stadium.

catered to the Negro League, was home to the Detroit Stars.

For years the stadium sat idle, slowly deteriorat-

ing to the point where it was not safe to go into the grandstands. It wasn’t until several years ago that the stadium’s

historical significance was discovered.

Up to that point, there was talk of demolishing

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Cosmos basketball legend now has a new home: The Hall of Fame

By Alan Madlane

Rudy Tomjanovich finally got in.

Tomjanovich, an NBA star player and coach, and pride of Hamtramck – having been born and raised here – was voted into the NBA Hall of Fame on his third time as a finalist for the nomination.

“Rudy T,” as he is affectionally known, starred at Hamtramck High and the

University of Michigan, before embarking on an illustrious pro career for the San Diego, later Houston, Rockets.

He played his entire career for the Rockets, a career cut short by a vicious sucker punch by Los Angeles Lakers player Kermit Washington during a game in late 1977.

The infamous incident,

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Hometown basketball legend kept in touch with his roots

By Charles Sercombe

Basketball star – and now Hall of Famer – Rudy Tomjanovich is well-known here in Hamtramck.

All during his pro career as a player and coach he kept in con-

tact with his friends, and here and there returned to his old stomping grounds.

A few years ago, Tomjanovich stopped by the basketball court in the Col. Hamtramck hous-

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State Rep. seat up for election

By Charles Sercombe

A special election will be held to fill the vacant seat of State Rep. Isaac Robinson, who died two weeks ago.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer called for the special election last week. As usual, the election begins with a primary, which will be held Aug. 4.

The winners of the Democratic and Republican primary will then square off on Nov. 3.

Whoever wins, though, will enjoy a short-lived victory. Robinson’s remaining term, at that point, has only six weeks before it ends.

Robinson, 44, died recently, and the suspected cause is COVID-19. He was in his first term.

Believe it or not, that’s not the only election for that seat.

Robinson was up for re-election this year, so at the same time that there will be an election to fill out his remaining term, there will also be a regular election for his seat.

In other words, The Aug. 4 primary will be to fill his vacant seat, and then in a separate primary election, held on the same day, candidates will vie for the

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WHO advise people of all age to take steps to protect themselves from the virus, for example by following good hand hygiene and good respiratory hygiene.

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Does the new coronavirus affect older people, or are younger people also susceptible?



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brand-new term.

Those winners for the brand-new term will then face-off on Nov. 4 to see who gets to go to Lansing for two years, before doing it all over again.

So, to recap, a primary election will be held on Aug. 4 for the vacant seat, and then on the same day, same place, another primary election will be held for the new term.

Candidates can sign up for both primary elections: one to fill his seat for the remaining term, and the other for a whole new two-year term.

Candidates must file by April 21.

If past elections for this position when there was no incumbent running is any indication, expect there to be a crowded field of candidates.

Robinson's mother, Rose Mary C. Robinson, held the state representative seat for the same district for six previous years until she was termed out of office. She

told The Review that her daughter, Sarah Robinson, who is an attorney, is interested in the seat.

Isaac Robinson, a Democrat, easily outdistanced his challengers in the 2018 primary election – beating second-place finisher, former Hamtramck City Councilmember Saad Almasmari, by about 600 votes. Coming in just a handful of votes behind Almasmari was another Hamtramck resident, Michele Oberholtzer.

Several other candidates finished far behind those top three candidates.

Because the district votes heavily Democratic, whoever wins the Democrat primary elections is virtually guaranteed to win the November election.

The district includes Hamtramck and part of Detroit, including a portion of Midtown.

The position pays \$71,685 a year, with an additional \$10,800 year expense allowance.

Birth Announcement

Jack Aloysius Wilamowski and Earnest "Ernie" Edward Wilamowski were born on April 6, 2020.

Jack was born first at 8:58 a.m., and Ernie was born at 8:59 a.m.

Their parents are Kayla Jane Kopke and Eric Michael Wilamowski (Villa).

Both parents are former Hamtramck residents, and now reside in Eastpointe.



Jack Aloysius Wilamowski (left) and Earnest "Ernie" Edward Wilamowski were born on April 6.

Hamtramck's historic baseball stadium gets another 'win'

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the structure, but once research revealed its unique role in American history, it was a whole new ball game.

Local officials and history buffs moved quickly to save the stadium.

Through their efforts, the state designated the structure as a historical site, which helped lead to winning various grants to restore it.

Local baseball historians and fans also formed a non-profit organization called Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium.

Volunteers also came out to maintain what was left of the field. They are known as the Hamtramck Stadium Grounds Crew.

City and school officials recently formed a joint committee to seek further funding, and also teamed up with county and state economic officials.

Various grants started to trickle in. A site developer was hired to come up various renovations that could be completed in phases, with a top wish list coming in at \$18 million to turn the site into an active ball field and entertainment complex.

Gary Gillette, the Founder & Chair of the Board of Directors

of the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium, said the latest grant solidifies the historic value of the stadium.

"The recent National Park Service African American Civil Rights grant recognizes Hamtramck Stadium's important role in Negro League history," Gillette told The Review in an email.

"The grant, and other funding we have recently secured, gives the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium the opportunity to memorialize the past, while providing a valuable new community park resource to current Hamtramck residents."

The recent award is one part of four possible funding sources that – if they all come through – will total almost \$1.5 million dollars.

The Detroit Tigers organization, which is also a part of those sources, has committed to kicking in a little over \$400,000. That piece of the puzzle has yet to come through, but city officials expect it will happen.

A Wayne County block grant totaling \$500,000 was awarded earlier.

The first phase of renovation includes:

- Remove Roofing \$34,720
- New metal Decking and Standing Seam Roof \$208,320
- Remove Paint on Structure (Columns and Trusses) \$130,200
- Repaint Structure (Columns and Trusses) \$173,600
- Flashing \$26,040
- Gutter System \$3,735
- Downspouts \$2,250
- Repair Steel (Columns and Trusses) \$259,800

The total cost for this work is over \$800,000.

Other improvements include:

- Demo Seating and Handrails \$83,783
- Clean and Strip Paint on Metal Frame \$119,690
- Repair and Replace Metal - allow \$287,256

This portion amounts to \$490,729

A new field, costing \$50,000, will also be installed.

There is also a \$70,000 cost for construction administration.

Renovation work is expected to begin this year.

For some cities, an alarm is raised over firefighter shortage

By Charles Sercombe

If you are a young adult and still figuring out what to do in life, we have a job for you.

Firefighter.

There is a nationwide shortage of firefighters, and some communities are taking steps to combat that.

According to a recent article in the online publication metromodemedia.com, Sterling Heights is considering setting up a junior fire academy for high school students.

Here in Hamtramck, Fire Chief Danny Hagen said "there's no explanation" on why there is a shortage of applicants.

He said that where there were once dozens applying for one position, there are now just a handful answering the call.

Part of the problem is that many young adults don't want to start off working in small cities. Everyone, it seems, wants to work and live in big cities.

There is also a cost factor. Most fire-fighting academies, in programs typically offered at community colleges, charge anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000 to train potential firefighters.

And there is no guarantee you will pass – just like in regular college.

"It's no walk in the park," Hagen said.

The schooling usually runs about 10 weeks, and requires you to attend five days a week, and sometimes even on weekends.

There are, Hagen pointed out, physical demands. If you are not in

shape, you won't be able to do the job.

"It's a good job as long as you stay in shape," Hagen said.

And of course, there is the danger aspect.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, there were 64 on-duty firefighter deaths in 2018.

Twenty-five of those were from actually fighting fires.

Also, there is a high risk of contracting chronic diseases, such as cancer and heart disease.

On the upside, if you start out while a young adult, you can retire in your 50s.

And who knows, one day you might become chief – like Dan Hagen.

This week at the library...

Dear Library Patrons,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made the difficult decision to close the Hamtramck Public Library to the public.

The Library will remain closed until further notice.

In the meantime, we encourage you to try our new service, Hoopla, available through the library website.

We will keep you informed of any changes on the website and on social media.

During this emergency closure no late fees will be assessed.

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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Pandemic update: Hamtramck cases continue to increase

By Charles Sercombe

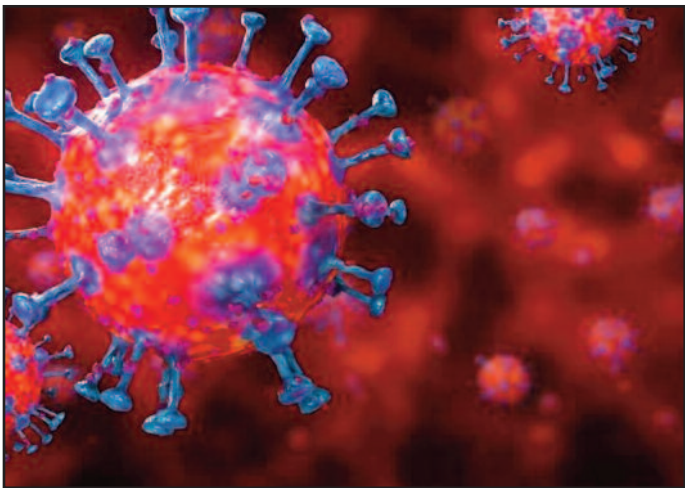
The stay at home quarantine got tighter this past week.

Last week, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced that her “stay home, stay safe” police will extend to April 30.

She also added more restrictions.

While essential employees can still go to work, and we all can still perform our essential errands, such as buying groceries, or banking, or enjoying recreational activities outdoors, the stay at home directive now rules out a number of other activities:

- You cannot meet up with anyone not a member of your household, either in a private residency or outside.
- You must remain at least six feet away from people while performing essential activities, such as grocery shopping or getting a prescription.
- Those who are allowed to report to work must maintain social distancing.
- You cannot travel to live in another residence you have within this state, such as a cabin up north.



- For stores of less than 50,000 square feet of customer floor space, they must cap the number of people in the store (including employees) to 25% of the total occupancy limit.

- For stores with 50,000 square feet of customer space, they must close off the following areas of the store that sell: Carpet or flooring, furniture, garden centers and plant nurseries, paint.

In other news, it was announced that Hamtramck and parts of Detroit, Oakland County and Macomb County will now get mail delivered every other day.

The Postal Service reports that it has been losing millions of dollars because of a decrease in

handling mail. Also, a number of postal workers have contracted COVID-19.

As of Thursday, the day The Review went to press, the number of COVID-19 cases in Hamtramck was 89, and the number of deaths caused by the disease is 9.

On Monday, the Hamtramck Police Department reported that there were three deaths all at separate residences that stemmed from “natural causes.” This sparked speculation on social media that they were related to COVID-19.

Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise told The Review that COVID-19 was not the cause in any of these cases.

“According to all three incident reports, each individual had medical issues unrelated to COVID, and were on unrelated medications,” Moise said in an email response.

“All three were signed off on by a doctor, and released to family members. No medical examiner involvement.”

Michigan currently ranks fourth in the nation with the highest number of COVID-19 cases, with over 28,000 reported. There have been 1,921 deaths caused by it in the state.

The United States now has the highest number of cases – over 657,000 – in the world.

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Good news for ‘gig’ workers

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to access these benefits. Workers need to use the UIA's daily filing schedule (based on the first letter of their last names), which can be found further down in this story.

Workers in these categories who have previously applied for unemployment benefits and been denied should login to their MiWAM (Michigan Web Account Manager) account to complete the next steps for PUA federal benefits.

These steps will also be emailed to workers. They should not file a new claim, as that may delay the time it takes to get their benefits.

All newly eligible workers will need to provide proof of income to receive the maximum amount they are entitled. This could include W-2s, 1099 tax forms, and pay stubs.

These workers will begin receiving federal benefits as early as April 20 after their bi-weekly certification. Individuals on paid sick leave or other paid leave – or those who have the ability to tele-work with pay – are not eligible for PUA.

The UIA (Unemployment Insurance Agency) assures every eligible worker in Michigan who applies for unemployment benefits that they will receive them.

The UIA will be accepting claims and benefit applications back-dated to reflect the date on which the claimant was laid-off due to COVID-19, beyond the previously established 28-day period (\$600 federal payment is only retroactive back to March 28).

Michigan has seen a record number of unemployment claims for three consecutive weeks; more than 800,000 Michigan workers have filed since March 15.

Customers are encouraged to use off-peak times 8 p.m. – 8 a.m. Earlier today, the UIA announced new resources to help workers resolve online technical issues with their account.

Individuals with last names beginning with letters A-L should file their claims on Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays. Those with last names beginning with letters M-Z should file claims on Sundays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays.

Saturdays will be available for anyone to accommodate those who could not file during their allotted window.

Information about this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at:

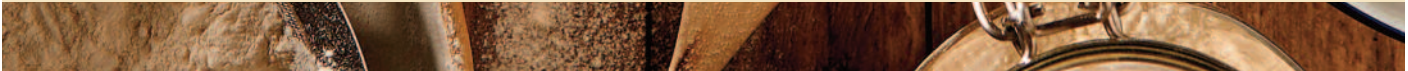
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Cosmos basketball legend now has a new home: The Hall of Fame

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Hamtramck’s own Rudy Tomjanovich has been accepted into the Basketball Ball Hall of Fame.

about which at least one book has been written (“The Punch: One Night, Two Lives, and the Fight That Changed Basketball Forever” by sports analyst John Feinstein), shattered Tomjanovich’s face, briefly imperiled his life, and ultimately shortened his playing career.

But Tomjanovich would not go quietly. He would, instead, embark upon a coaching career that man-

aged to eclipse his playing one.

It would be as a coach that he would be enshrined in the Hall, alongside the late Kobe Bryant, stars Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett, college coach Eddie Sutton, female player Tamika Catchings and coaching legends Kim Mulkey and Barbara Stevens, and international exec Patrick Baumann.

And it was once again for

his cherished Rockets, primarily.

The team would win back-to-back championships in 1994 and 1995, in Rudy T’s second and third full seasons as skipper.

Known as a “player’s coach,” stars such as Charles Barkley, Clyde Drexler and Scottie Pippen would all request trades to Houston to play for him. So intense was his and his staff’s game preparations, that he was hospitalized more than once with exhaustion.

Tomjanovich would also go on to steer an American team – sans any stars, in those days – to a bronze medal in the 1998 FIBA World Championship.

He eventually retired from a brief comeback stint as coach for, ironically, the Lakers, in 2004. But this time, the exhaustion proved to be the end of his career.

Today the 71-year-old lives in Austin, Texas with his wife. They had three children together.

And this year, he gets a second home: the Hall of Fame.

The honor, he said, was “a godsend” for him, given the present times, and gave him “a wonderful feeling.”

Well done, Rudy T.

Hometown basketball legend kept in touch with his roots

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ing project, where he once played while growing up.

Housing Executive Director Kevin Kondrat dropped us a note saying that while in his office, located in the housing project complex, he became aware of a film crew at the project’s basketball court.

Curious, he went over to introduce himself. Little did he know who he would run into.

Kondrat sent us an email that he had sent to a Detroit Free Press reporter, Shawn Windsor, who was doing a story about Tomjanovich.

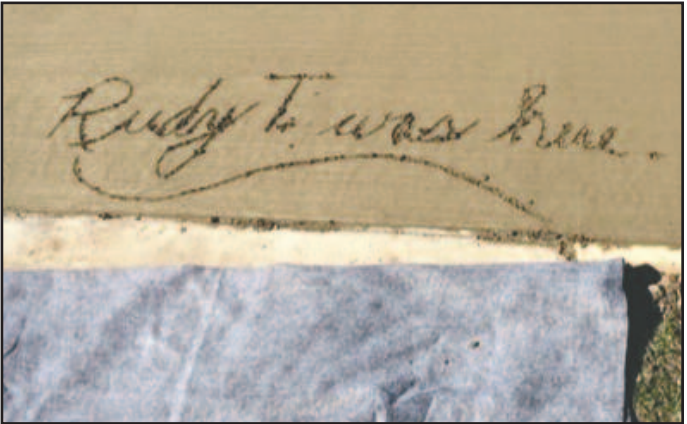
Here’s what Kondrat had to say to the reporter:

“Hi Shawn, my name is Kevin Kondrat, I’m the Executive Director at the Hamtramck Housing Commission (formerly known as ‘the projects’).

“This is where Rudy grew up, before eventually moving out and then attending Hamtramck High School. A few years back I was notified of a film crew on our property at the basketball court. When I went to see what they were doing I found it was Rudy T. and Sports Illustrated doing a ‘30 for 30’ segment on Rudy’s early life.



Above and below: Basketball legend Rudy Tomjanovich signs his autograph at a newly paved concrete floor for a picnic area near the basketball court where he used to play at in the Hamtramck Housing project.



“I took some pictures, and I asked Rudy T. to dedicate a canopy we were putting up for the playground, and Rudy kindly obliged. Here are some photos of that.”

Hey – who knows? – maybe history will repeat itself someday, for some youngster now playing on that very same basketball court.



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In Our Opinion

Water Department can afford to make amends

A few weeks ago, we reported that the Water Department has a \$11 million budget surplus. That's a lot of money. We asked what that money will be used for, and we were directed by the city administration to refer to an audit report. The report said that the money will be used to make sure there is funding in place so that the department continues to operate. And, the report said, the money will be used to make repairs to the water infrastructure. We have another suggestion on how to spend the surplus. Pay back those homeowners who were socked with a \$4,600 bill to fix the sink holes

behind their house in the alley. Six years ago, a new DPW superintendent, who is long gone, decided to enforce an obscure city ordinance requiring homeowners to foot the bill for repairs if their line had broken and leaked and caused the sinkhole. For years the city was paying for those repairs, but out of nowhere this new DPW superintendent decided the city could no longer afford that. In the meantime, the city's water department now has an \$11 million budget surplus. We think the city can, indeed, afford these repairs. On the other hand, most homeowners cannot. In fact, it has been widely reported from various media outlets that 40 percent of Americans can't afford an emergency \$400 bill. And consider this, most Hamtramckans are living at, or near, poverty level. Many are retired, and living on fixed incomes. Going forward, it is only fair for the city pick up the cost of these repairs. They can also afford to pay back those homeowners who were the victim of a whim by a former DPW superintendent – one who, like so many others, came here for a brief time, and then moved on to a better job.

Odds & Ends

Food giveaway... On Saturday, April 18, the Michigan Bangladeshi American Caucus will have a 200-meal giveaway at the Town Center parking lot at Jos. Campau and Holbrook from noon-2 p.m.

Buy back... Good news, struggling Hamtramck bar owners. Well, it's as good as it can get these days. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has a deal for you. She is mandating the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) to initiate an alcohol buy-back program to give financial relief to bars and restaurants who are forced to close down. This new order empowers the MLCC to use its revolving fund to buy alcohol spirits, that remain in inventory, back from those bars and restaurants that purchased these spirits prior to March 16, 2020. It authorizes the buy-back for the full purchase prices of the spirits. Liquor licensees approved for the program have until 90 days after the state's emergency and disasters declarations are lifted to repurchase the spirits from the MLCC. "This buy-back program will help our bars and restaurants critical to Michigan's economy weather the storm through this challenging time in our history," Gov. Whitmer said in a press release. Licensees must make their request no later than today, Friday, April 17, at 5 p.m., using the online form on the MLCC website.



Is Hamtramck ready for a 'new normal'?

Toast of the Town usually covers Hamtramck's lively nightlife and arts scene, but with the recent shelter in home policy and social distancing, will the city rebound?

By Joe Myrick
Special to The Review
Since this coronavirus scare started, not a day has gone by without hearing the sound of ambulance sirens speeding past my house. Hamtramck, always one of the liveliest towns anyone could ask to live in, suddenly reads like a ghost town. Save for an oddball peddler on a bike or a millennial getting their morning jog in, I can't recall the last time I've seen Jos. Campau packed with people.

In theory, that's a good thing, as it means at least some folks in the world are abiding by the current social distancing rules, but we've all been abiding by such rules for so long already, that the world as we knew it pre-coronavirus is starting to feel like a distant memory. As we all anxiously anticipate when things will get back to normal, the question forms: are we too far removed from that "normal" to ever go back to it? That isn't to say that all of this won't end. All things – good or bad – must come to an end. We won't be in lockdown forever, but surely, normal as we know it has to have been changed permanently.

School Bell

From the Superintendent
This week, Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed issued this statement to the district's students and families regarding the plan for the remainder of the school year: Last week, Governor Whitmer extended the closure of school buildings through the end of the current school year. The extended closure is an effort to flatten the curve of COVID-19, and keep students and staff safe and healthy. Based on the Executive Order 2020-35, education will continue, and Hamtramck Public Schools will continue to serve our families with meaningful experiences for the remainder of the academic year. We hope that you had a relaxing spring break. The following plans are for the remainder of the month of April: Week of April 13th – Continue to do the work online with your teachers. Week of April 20th – Continue to do the work online with your teachers.

Food Distribution Plans
We will continue to provide the food distribution for the remainder of the school year. We are grateful for our food service providers, and all that they do to ensure that our students have both breakfast and lunch during the weekdays. If you encounter any issues or have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Lynem at slynem@hamtramckschools.org.

Emergency Online Learning Task Force
Leadership is action, not a title. Thank you to all who stepped up and have been contributing to the Online Learning Plan. We are proud that we have our plan ready, and that we have various stakeholders who have contributed to the plan. The following members have contributed to the plan with the leadership of Carol Paul and I: Todd Losie, Marc Wilkinson, Christopher Vraniak, Nathan Talbot, Jamie Jankowski, Sarah Filipiak,

Nabil Nagi, Mirjana Maros, Menhem Aouad, Carol Paul, Lidia Nikolovski, Lauren Birks, Gabriel Ferrise, Maria Julien, Kim Winiarski, Marianne Livezey, Anne Clemente, Karen Swords, John Stoffeltt, Joi Danforth, Thomas Talmadge, Nawal Almasmari, Colleen Stevens, Carla Timockko, Jennifer Sharp, Erin Hughes, Sherry Lynem.

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Community Technology Resource Data Collection
The Parent Engagement Liaisons and School and Community Facilitators will be reaching out to the families to collect data for the community technology resource data collection. This data collection will support us for now and the future: it will allow us to understand who has technology, who has a Wi-Fi connection, and other information that will help us ensure that we are equipped to implement distance learning following Governor Whitmer's order.

MSU Gate Updates
Michigan State University is still accepting applications for their GATE academic years programs. They will be accepting the CogAT test in lieu of the SAT or ACT requirements for this year's academic year applications. They will be administering

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Coronavirus pandemic has been a nightmare for school boardmember

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck Public School Board Vice President Sal Hadwan has been right on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic.

He is an emergency room nurse at DMC Mt. Sinai-Grace Hospital, located in downtown Detroit.

Detroit is one of the hotspots for COVID-19

cases in the country, and the situation at the hospital, he said is a nightmare: little personal protection equipment for the staff, not enough ventilators, overcrowding, patients dying in the hallways, and staff members coming down with the disease.

The situation got so bad two weeks ago, Hadwan and several other



Sal Hadwan

members of his shift staged a protest, of sorts, before going to work.

They demanded that the for-profit hospital call in more support staff, but they were refused, and then the management told them to leave.

He recorded himself

and his co-workers on his cellphone as they were leaving the hospital. The recording was picked up by local media outlets, and later CNN even reported on what is happening at the hospital.

"I am going to continue to speak up," Hadwan told The Review. "We've always been short of staff, but this was beyond safe. We've had patients in the ER for five days and in the hallways. "It's impossible for someone to provide care for all the patients. We are mentally and emotionally drained."

He posted previously in Facebook that six nurses on his night shift quit over the hospital's conditions and the health threat the disease poses to them.

Hadwan returned to work the next day, but he

expects to be fired once this pandemic settles down.

No matter what the consequences are, Hadwan stressed again that "somebody has to speak up."

One of his co-workers, considered an organizer

of the protest, was indeed fired this week.

Hadwan and his co-workers are not alone. Medical staff in the hardest hit areas across the country are voicing similar concerns as the cases overwhelm them and their resources.

Obituaries

ORTIZ



Alicia Torres Ortiz was born on Feb. 18, 1950 and died April 10, 2020.

She was born in El Paso, Texas, and was the daughter of Lorenzo and the late Luz Torres.

She is proceeded in death by her beloved son, Rafael Ortiz, Jr.

Alicia is survived by her

father; sisters, Emma, Velia, Sylvia, Juana, Rosa, Mary-Ann, Barbara, and her brother, Lorenzo Jr.

She is mourned by her children, Micaela, Mario, Marlo, Aida, and Ricardo; grandchildren, Michelle, Judy, Cecelia, Julianna, Mario Jr., Mariah, and Rafael, Jr.; great-grandchildren and countless nieces, nephews, and friends.

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers April 7-13.

Tuesday, April 7
• At about 6:30 a.m., a suspect wearing a mask and gloves attempted to steal items out of a car parked in the 3800 block of Edwin St. The owner of the vehicle said that it appeared that nothing was taken.
• A resident on Casmere St. reported a garage break-in and the theft of several power tools. A resident in the 2400 block of Casmere St. also reported a garage break-in.

Wednesday, April 8
• An agent for a business on Conant Ave. reported an attempted break-in, and damage to their property. Nothing was reported stolen.
• An agent for Hanley House for Boys reported that a juvenile ran away from the facility.
• A resident of Doremus St. reported a

garage break-in.
• A resident in the 2300 block of Goodson St. reported that a person had trespassed on their property.
• A dispute erupted between neighbors in the 2200 block of Evaline St.
• A resident in the 2300 block of Goodson St. reported that someone broke out their living room window.

Thursday, April 9
• At almost 3 a.m., a driver of a black Cadillac struck several vehicles in the area of Casmere and Mackay and then drove off.
• An agent for a Jos. Campau Ave. business reported an incident of retail fraud.

Friday, April 10
• An agent for a Jos. Campau Ave. business reported an incident of fraud.
• A resident of Klinger St. reported that their car license plate was stolen.
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Saturday, April 11
No criminal activity was reported for this date.

Sunday, April 12
• A dog, with a collar and a leash, was found loose in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau Ave.

Monday, April 13
• A McDougall St. resi-

dent reported that someone damaged his vehicle.
• A Sobieski St. resident, a Holbrook Ave. resident and a Trowbridge St. resident were found deceased from natural causes. According to Police Chief Anne Moise the cases were not COVID-19 related.

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pare, for a different future. The future may not be totally bright, but it isn't bleak enough not to look forward to, either.
The future may not be the old normal, but the future will be better than this. It has to be.



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ing CogAT testing online on Wednesday, April 22nd at 1 p.m. and Monday, May 4th at 1 p.m. Students can sign up for these CogAT testing dates.
I continue to appreciate your support during this challenging time. Thank you for being positive examples for your

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